

THE PATIENCE OF CHRIST

"The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into  
the patience of Christ" - 2 Thess.3:5

Beloved of the Lord:

"The patience of Christ" here is not alone for His earthly life, but also what He NOW shows at the right hand of God, waiting for the future of God's purposes, which culminates with God being "ALL IN ALL" - 1 Cor. 15:58. Trace the testimony of Scripture:

1 - HIS PATIENT WAITING FOR HIS BRIDE - His first expectation is the gathering of His own out of the graves and from the earth, to be WITH HIM where He is. On the eve of His death and sufferings this was on His heart when in deep affection He spoke the words of Jno.14:3. These words are as comforting today for His people, showing His longing for His Bride. His great desire will be fulfilled - Rev. 19:6-9 and we affectionately sing -

"Midst the light, and peace, and glory-Of the Father's home-  
Christ for me is waiting, watching, waiting till I come"

2 - HIS PATIENT WAITING FOR HIS DAY - Read Phil.1:6;2:16; 1Cor. 1:8;5:5; 2Tim.1:12,18;4:8 "That day" - "the day of Christ" etc. will be HIS DAY, when with joy He will reward His servants - Matt.25:14. His faithful servants will receive His "well done" and with JOY He will bestow upon them crowns - Cor.9:25-1Thess.2:19,20-2Tim.4:8-Jas.1:12-1 Pet.5:4.

3 - HIS PATIENT WAITING FOR THE DAY OF VENGEANCE - Isa.61:2-Psa.110:1-Heb.10:13. When He sat on the Majesty on High, God promised to destroy ALL His foes. All who opposed Him, His Gospel, His Truth, His people and His purposes. During His present absence from earth, infidel slanderers have increased; the vile spirit of Neros stalk thru the world. Modern would-be Nebuchednezzars and Sennacheribs are in the seat of power, producing fear and dread. Anti-God, AntiChrist, Anti-Jew conditions will culminate in the rise of the most diabolical person in history - "THE MAN OF SIN" -2Thess.2:3-Rev.13- and with irresistible, flaming fire His enemies will be destroyed--2Thess.1:7-9;2:8 and Psalm 2:9. For this He waits!

4 - HIS PATIENT WAITING FOR HIS KINGDOM - "The Lord shall be KING over all the earth" - Zech. 14:9. The godly Jewish saints at His appearing, beloved for the "father's sake", will share the glory of His reign over the Millennial earth, restored and exalted - Zech. 12:2; 12:10. Many, many other Scriptures can be quoted. At that same time He will also "speak peace to the nations" - Zech. 9:10 and the earth "shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" - Hab. 2:14. For this HE waits!

5 - HIS PATIENT WAITING FOR THE NEW CREATION - Read Col. 1:20 and note that a Reconciliation of "all things" is yet to be known, when ALL the universe will be in perfect harmony with God's Holy will! Then GOD will be "ALL IN ALL" - 1 Cor. 15:28. A NEW CREATION, with a New Heaven, NEW Earth, a NEW Jerusalem, yes, "ALL THINGS NEW" - Rev. 21:5. A radiant, stainless, tearless, painless, deathless and sorrowless eternal universe of bliss! This is to be the final consummation of fruit for the Saviour, for doing the Father's will - Heb. 10:7-10.

"HE SHALL SEE OF THE TRAVAIL OF HIS SOUL, AND SHALL BE SATISFIED" - Isa. 53:11. The final fruit of His redemptive work will be THE NEW CREATION! In patience He waits for it! It will be His ETERNAL SATISFACTION! My fellow believer, with the example of HIS patience, surely you and I can say now, while waiting for HIM - "I SHALL BE SATISFIED, WHEN I AWAKE , WITH THY LIKENESS" - Psalm 17:15 May God direct our hearts INTO THE PATIENCE OF CHRIST while we say - "EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS".

Faithfully yours in Christ,

