



## Lord Give Me Patience

“Lord give me patience and give it to me right now!” That is the attitude of many of us in our tendency to be impatient.

The apostle Paul wrote in his Galatians letter, chapter 6, verse 9 and 10. *“And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those of the household of faith.”*

This past year has been a struggle for all of us as we have been dealing with a pandemic that still is a serious problem. Paul’s advice to the Galatians is still relevant for us today. When we are busy doing the good works that God has made for us to do, we begin to think less about our own problems and the joys of helping others will become a beautiful part of our life. We will not grow weary and God’s Kingdom will be glorified. In due season, this pandemic will be over, and we will be able to enjoy the full fellowship and love of the church.

We can read in Genesis of God’s promise to Abraham that all nations would be blessed through his offspring and in due season this lineage started with Jacob’s birth. This promise was fulfilled centuries later; *“and the angels said to them, be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy that will come to all the people, for to you is born this day in the city of David, a savior who is Christ the Lord.”* (Luke 2:10-11) This example of God’s patience over the many, many years inspires us to grow in this Christian virtue.

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