

Faith is being convinced that something exists based on the reality of the evidence that you have that it exists

- I am convinced of something because I can see it, hear it, feel it, taste it, or smell it.
- How am I convinced of something that I cannot see, taste, touch, or smell? I'm convinced of it by the evidence presented to me. Faith is the evidence **Heb 11:1-2**
- The evidence is the promise and the integrity of God. **Heb 6:13-20**

Patience – hupomone – To stay under

- Patience does not mean waiting. Patience means working the Principles of God's Word until the results manifest. Patience and Work are synonymous **Rev 2:2-3; Rev 2:19**
  - It is the Work of faith, not working to earn **1Th 1:3**
  - The work of faith is working the Word patiently until the promise manifests **Luke 8:10-15**
- I have need of endurance. It's not just believing once that something is, but continually believing that it is until it is. **Heb 10:35-39**
- This requires believing not only that God is but that What he promised will come to pass **Heb 11:6**
- The means by which I do this is imitating those who obtained the promises, **Rom 4:12-25**

Patience is producing the promise, but it is also producing the character to maintain those promises, **Rom 5:1-5**

- It is one thing to get what God promises; it is another to keep it and be able to maintain it **2Co 4:16-18**
  - All the tribulation is doing is working for us the quality of character to carry more of God's glory
- As we patiently work the Word, it is building in us the very character of God, and when the promise comes, we are lacking nothing! **Jas 1:2-8**

In our patience, we must possess our souls and not allow our minds and emotions to discourage us and get us to quit **Luk 21:19**

- This is the real battle to keep your soul under control while the Word does the work as you work the Word by doing it. **2Co 10:3-5**