

# Fair Grove Church of Christ

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## Newsletter

### Recent Sermons

**Title: Repentance      Speaker: Walter Myers**

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**Title: Guard Against False Teaching      Speaker: Ron Wilson**

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“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” (James 1:2-4)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday July 26, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

## **Article**

Patience - Isaac Helterbrand

Do you struggle with patience? It is a very common thing to struggle with. In our modern age, most of society is becoming trained to expect their desires fulfilled within a moments notice. Food is readily available, information is at our finger tips, relationships and friendships can be erased and restarted at the drop of a hat. Even our social standing seems to go up or down instantly. Communication is another thing we often get impatient about. How often do we get upset because someone didn't answer their phone or email on a moment's notice? We certainly have become an impatient race. It is a simple, yet powerful thought that while we humans run around on earth impatiently, our God waits to bring judgement upon us and has endured our ignorance for ages. Paul calls God the "God of patience" (Rom. 15:5), and certainly our Lord is patient with us. Peter explains the extreme long-suffering and patience of God in 2 Peter 3:7-9

"But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

If the Lord is so patient with us, how is it that we become so impatient with each other? The Lord has been long-suffering with us for ages, and yet we become angry and spiteful at the siltiest inconvenience. We should recognize that "the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:20).

How to learn patience, you ask? It is not a simple or easy thing to do. James tells us what produces patience within us. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience" (James 1:3-4). Patience can be gained when we are tested. However, patience can only be allowed to grow if anger and frustration are not in the way. If we constantly react to little issues and inconveniences with anger and outbursts of wrath, we will not learn to endure the trials that are set before us to make us more like Jesus.

One opportunity to practice patience comes when you notice your anger rising quickly in a small situation. Take a moment to reset your mind and think about how much good getting angry in that moment will do. Will it accomplish God's will, or will it unnecessarily escalate the situation? Another opportunity comes when we must endure suffering. Whether it is mental or physical, sometimes we are required to suffer, and our reaction to suffering can determine if we will grow through it or fail because of it.

Practice patience and become more like Jesus!

## **About Us**

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

## **Invitation**

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Grove Church of Christ!

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[fairgrovecofc.org](http://fairgrovecofc.org)

## **Meeting Times**

### **Sunday**

- **10:00AM Bible Study**
- **11:00AM Worship Service**

### **Wednesday**

- **7:00PM Bible Study**

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