

5 February 2012 - Preached by Dr Alan Cairns

Message Topic: **The progress of Grace in the Soul (4) - Patience (2 Peter 1:6)**

Scripture Text: 2 Peter 1: 1-11

1. The Bible teaches us to progress from temperance to patience. Patience deals with our response to trials and sufferings which are not easy to bear.
2. The essence of patience is to remain courageous and persevering under the strain of painful circumstances. It is the quiet endurance of what we cannot remove. Patience looks beyond the present sufferings even as we wait patiently for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to deliver us from all pains and sufferings on this earth.
3. To be patient means to endure the wrong done unto us without retaliation. We must not be vexed and be revengeful for the evil doers will be judged by God one day. Our action to others must always be biblical and in love and kindness. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the example for us to learn and follow.
4. The effect of having patience in our Christian life is that it will produce godliness in us and we will always look to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith. Our focus in life will be heavenly and our eyes are kept on the heavenly prize.
5. Let us learn to submit to God's will in sufferings and trials and be patience to bear them knowing that patience has its perfect work in us. Take our burdens to the Lord and do not be overwhelmed by these burdens.