**Christian Endurance**

You have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised – Heb. 10:36 NASB

**The need for endurance**

You have need of endurance… **Am I patiently continuing to live by faith?**

Endurance = patient continuance under trials, sufferings & the routine of life

1. The necessity of Christian endurance
2. Produces hopefulness – Rom. 5:3 -4
3. Tests faith in God – James 1:3
4. Produces maturity – James 1:4
5. Provides blessing – James 5:11
6. Keeps you from stumbling in sin – 2 Pet. 1:6
7. Produces fruitfulness – Luke 8:15
8. Preserves the soul – Heb. 10:39
9. The troubles of suffering as a sinner

1 Pet. 2:20 – for what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated you endure it with patience? – **Are my troubles self – inflicted?**

1. Suffering for living in the flesh
2. Suffering for yielding to temptation
3. Suffering for worldliness
4. Suffering for unbelief
5. Suffering for disobedience to God’s word
6. Suffering for resisting the Holy Spirit
7. The troubles of suffering from in the world

 1 Pet. 1:6 – in this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials – **Am I overwhelmed with worldly troubles?**

1. Trials of family
2. Trials of work
3. Trials of temptation
4. Trials of health
5. Trials of aging

**The continuance of endurance**

when you have done the will of God …**Am I continuing to do the will of God in my daily life?**

1. Hopeful continuance

 Heb. 10:23 – Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful

 Rom. 5: 3 -4 – and not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance, and perseverance, proven character, and proven character hope.

1. Patient continuance

 1 Pet. 2:20 – but if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God

1. Trusting continuance

1 Pet. 4:19 – therefore those who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful creator in doing what is right

2 Tim. 1:12 – I am not ashamed, for I know who I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

**The promise for endurance**

you may receive what was promised – **Am I continuing to believe God’s promises in suffering?**

1. The blessing of Christian suffering

 1 Pet. 3:14 – 15 – but even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed and do not fear their intimidation and do not be troubled. For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than doing what is wrong.

1. The shortness of Christian suffering

 1 Pet. 5:10 – after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called

 you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish

 you

 Luke 21:19 – by your endurance you will gain your lives

1. The blessing of God’s love & mercy for Christian suffering

 James 5:11 – we count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful

1. The blessing of heaven for Christian suffering

 1 Pet. 1:4 – to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1. Crown of life – Rev. 2:10
2. Tree of life – Rev. 2:7
3. Hidden manna = love of God – Rev. 2:17
4. White stone = absolution – Rev. 2:17
5. New name = adoption – Rev. 2:17
6. New clothes = joyfulness – Rev. 3:5
7. Name written in the book of life – Rev. 3:5
8. Jesus confesses the believer before the Father – Rev. 3:5
9. Pillar in the temple of my God = strength – Rev. 3:12
10. He will not go out from it anymore = permanence with God – Rev. 3:12
11. I will write the name of my God and name of city of my God & my new name = acknowledged as a child of God – Rev. 3:12
12. Authority over the nations = sharing in Christ’s reign – Rev. 2:26
13. To sit on my throne = dignity, security of being with Christ – Rev. 3:21
14. I will give him the morning star = sharing in the glory of Christ – Rev. 2:28
15. The blessing of the Lord second coming for Christian suffering

 Heb. 10:37 – for yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay

**Motivations to patiently continue**

1. It is an honor to be a grey – headed disciple – Acts 21:16
2. Think about how sinners continue in their sin
3. Your example of Christian endurance with encourage others – Heb. 10:24
4. Examine how God’s has helped you endure in the past
5. Remember the endurance of the Lord Jesus Christ – Heb. 12: 1 -3