

Who God Is

The LORD our God, the LORD is One. Deut. 6:4

You are the Rock, your work is perfect: for all your ways are just: A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right are you. Deut. 32:4

For you, Lord are good and ready to forgive.
Psalm 86:5

For you Lord are righteous, you love righteousness.
Psalm 11:7

You LORD are my shepherd. Psalm 23:1

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; your understanding has no limit. Psalm 147:5

And you (Christ) will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Your purpose will stand, and you will do all that you please. Isaiah 46:10

You have loved us with everlasting love. Jer. 31:3

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.
Jeremiah 32:17

Your compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22

For you are the LORD, you do not change. Mal. 3:6

Your wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness. Romans 1:18

You reconciled us to yourself through Christ.
2 Cor. 5:18

In you (Christ) all things hold together. Col. 1:17

For in you (Jesus Christ) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Colossians 2:9

Now to you the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to you who alone are wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. 1 Timothy 1:17

Nothing in all creation is hidden from your sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare and before your eyes we must give account. Heb. 4:13

You cannot be tempted by evil, nor do you tempt anyone. James 1:13

You are able to keep us from falling and to present us before your glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen Jude 1:24-25

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Revelation 4:8

Who I Am in Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is my savior therefore...

I am a child of God. John 1:12

I am Christ's friend. John 15:15

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

John 15:16

I have been given the power of the Holy Spirit so I can witness for Christ. Acts 1:8

I have peace with God. Romans 5:1

I am free from condemnation. Romans 8:1

I am assured that all things work together for good.

Romans 8:28

I can't be separated from God's love. Romans 8:38

I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit

with Him. 1 Corinthians 6:17

I am God's temple. 1 Corinthians 6:19

I have been bought with a price and I am not my

own. 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

I am a member of Christ's body. 1 Corinthians 12:27

I have been anointed and sealed by God.

2 Cor. 1:21-22

I am a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17

I am Christ's ambassador. 2 Corinthians 5:20

I am a saint. Ephesians 1:1

I have been adopted as God's child. Ephesians 1:5

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.

Eph. 2:6

I am God's workmanship. Ephesians 2:10

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 2:18

I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:12

I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected. Philippians 1:6

I am a citizen of heaven. Philippians 3:20

I can do all things through Christ who give me strength. Philippians 4:13

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 1:14

I am hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

I can find grace and mercy in time of need. Heb. 4:16

I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch

me. 1 John 5:18

Patience

What is patience?

- Waiting with a happy heart
- Enduring without murmuring or being upset
- Bearing pains, evils, or trials calmly without murmuring or complaining
- Waiting a long time for justice or expected good without discontent
- Not being hasty or impulsive
- Being calm in the midst of opposition, lack of response, or difficulty

Is God Patient?

- Yes, patience is a characteristic of God.
Psalm 86:15; Romans 2:4

Should we be patient?

- Yes, there are many verses in the Bible where God tells us to be patient.
Colossians 3:12 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Can we be patient?

Yes, we can be patient because—

- God is patient. 2 Peter 3:9
- God gives patience to all who follow Christ.
- Patience is a fruit which the Holy Spirit produces in our lives. Galatians 5:22-23

Impatience

- Impatience is sin because God commands and enables us to be patient; it is the same as unbelief or rebellion against God.
- Impatience keeps company with discord, quarreling, outbursts of anger, divisions, etc. Patience keeps company with the other fruit of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:31; Galatians 5:22,23

Why is it so hard to be patient?

It may seem hard to be patient because—

- The struggle is between the way we were and who we are now as Christians.
- If we don't believe the truth about who God is and His promises for us, we may strike back by being impatient when—
 - * our rights are violated
 - * our authority is threatened
 - * our worth is put in jeopardy
 - * our integrity is questioned
- The enemy tries to make us believe lies that we aren't patient. If we believe these lies, we will find that we respond with impatience. 1 Peter 5:8

What does patience look like?

- Loving the unloveable. Ephesians 4:2
- Persevering and enduring hardships. Romans 12:12
- Forgiving the offense of others. Ephesians 4:32
- Praying for situations and people who tempt us to be impatient.
- Teaching unresponsive children.

Should we pray for patience?

Why should we pray for something that God has already provided?

The difficulty is not the lack of patience but failing to submit to the power of the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to produce patience in our lives. We don't have to try to be patient. Instead we can experience patience provided by God. 2 Peter 1:3,4, Hebrews 4:16-18

What can you do when you "lack patience"?

- Confess your impatience as sin. 1 John 1:9
- Ask God to fill you with His Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) so that you can "wait with a happy heart."
- Thank God for giving you the patience you need for the situation.