

This Hope

1 Jn 3:2-3 — Everyone who has this hope (the hope of seeing Him and being like Him) fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

2 Tim 4:8 — The crown of Righteousness, which comes from one's own purification by the work of the Spirit (Phil 3:9), which comes from God on the basis of faith, the active faith of fighting the good fight, keeping the faith, a righteousness giving to *all who have loved His appearing*. Purification is by faith, as Paul expressed in 2 Tim 4:18 — The statement of faith in the Lord: "The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed and will bring me safely to His Heavenly Kingdom."

The only ones who will see Him are those who are *brought* safely to His Heavenly Kingdom. These are the pure in heart our Lord Himself spoke of in the Gospel of the Kingdom He proclaimed from the Mount (Mt 5:8). Do we have within us a heart that longs after being *pure*?

The Messiah shall appear a second time to those who eagerly await Him for salvation (Heb 9:28), or to those who are eagerly expecting Him, not to the rest of His people who are not eagerly awaiting and expecting (1 Ths 5:2 11). The rest are saying, peace and safety. The rest are mingled in somehow with the broad road, taking on worldly customs and attitudes and philosophy. Peter says, in the last days there will be teachers who will *introduce* false doctrines, disowning or denying even the Lord who redeemed them, bringing on themselves swift destruction (2 Pet 2:1 3).

Rev 3:10 — *Patient* means capable of bearing pain, suffering without being upset or disturbed, not *provoked*, persevering, diligent — one who suffers with composure. These men set traps to catch souls that are not *steadfast* (2 Pet 2:14-15).

2 Pet 3:2 4 — What has happened to promise of His return *Lack of patience* — they were unable to endure or put up with the waiting.

So we see a division between those who are eagerly expecting His return and awaiting in faith and hope and those who do not have patience and endurance. Jms 5:7-8 — Notice how eagerly a farmer awaits for a valuable crop. He is patient over it until it has received the early and the latter rain. So you must be *patient*. Keep up your courage, for the coming of the Lord is now close at hand.

You see the prophetic word, that there will be a great *tendency* for all manner of evil to enter into the Church in the very last days as Jms 5:9 11 describes, and these other verses mentions. Although James may have thought the coming of the Lord was imminent in his days, God is speaking now to us concerning the *tendency* and conditions that will be prevalent in the *last times*, when the accuser is turned loose to accuse. Do not cry out in complaint and condemnation of one another, brethren, that you yourselves may not be judged or condemned, or that you too will come under judgment. "Behold the judge is standing at the door" (Mt 24:33).

The secrecy of our Eastern Wedding, taking place at midnight (Mt 25:1 13). The foolish virgins were *unperfectly* purified or sanctified, not in Spirit, soul and body. 1 Ths 5:23 describes, "and may God Himself, who gives peace, make you entirely holy and may your spirits, souls, and bodies be preserved (by salt), complete and be found blameless at the coming of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. Faithful is He who calls you and He will also perfect His work (in those who believe).

Jms 5:7-8; Rev 3:10 — In spite of suffering, you have *guarded* My Word, and I in turn will *guard* you from the hour of trial which is soon coming upon the whole world, to put to the test the whole world. In spite of suffering, you have guarded My Word, or literally it means, you guarded the word of My patience, which may mean all that He endured for us and also the teaching in which He has exhorted us to an unflinching courage and fortitude — that we should walk in His steps (Jms 5:8; Lk 18:1; 9:23). Gal 6:14 — We do not get the benefit of His atoning sacrifice unless we through *faith*, the *one faith* (Eph 4:5) to die with Him, to sin, self and the world. Only in dying do we have *courage* to keep His Word in *patience*.

We already know what patience is (Gal 5:22), and the rest of the fruit of the Spirit, which is the fruit of the Kingdom, which we must *produce*. Patience is the fruit of the Spirit, without which we do not belong to

Messiah (Rom 8:9). To say you have the Spirit and bear no fruit of the Spirit is like saying, "I am an apple tree, but bear no apples." This tree is good for nothing, for a tree is known by its fruit (Mt 7:20). *Patience* here means that through the *cross* you are capable of bearing pain and suffering, not being upset, discouraged, disturbed or provoked — having composure in stressful situations (repose in the Lord).

Rev 3:10 — Keep My commandments to endure trials of all kinds, and I will keep My Word also to you to keep you from the trial no man can stand (Rev 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 13:8; 12:14; 14:6; 17:2,8). *Patience* is the only, one pure quality that the Church must have in order for the Lord to recognize His very own image in, *His reflection*. *Patience* is the standard of a pure faith apart from any other quality, which could be *pretended*. There is no way to pretend patience, for it entails too enormous amounts of strength to endure the trials that only the grace of God can strengthen the inner man with to pass through. The cross of Messiah must be in each individual experience to enable the very Lord of Glory to say what He did to this Church life on earth (Rev 3:10). This is why they are guarded (Mal 3:17). They are His very *precious jewels* refined in the fire of testing.

Patience is the one fruit of the Spirit that *represents them all*. Without patience, love, hope, joy, goodness, would only be an empty shell. Patience is something you cannot fake — try it sometime. What is in you will come out under the proper pressure and stressful situations that will come upon the Church in the last days. If we do not truly have the abiding life of Messiah within our hearts, it will be known to all. The proper heat tests the quality of each man's work (1 Cor 3:10-15). Our breaking point must be to have *grace* to endure whatever *He allows* to come upon us — for He knows us and will not allow us to be tested beyond what we are *able* to withstand (1 Cor 10:13). The core of our very being must be tested; the quality of our profession must be *genuine* or we have no right to have called ourselves by His name. Patience is what will be tested in us. Do we have patience? There is no way we will be able to get it if we don't have it. It is not something we can muster up or even *pretend* when we need it. The hour will come when true and genuine patience will be *absolutely required* in order to be saved. If we have patience we are saved. If we don't have patience we are not saved. Patience is a person; He is Yahshua. Our own regenerated spirit must take in His very own likeness and nature. The fruit of our spirit is patience (Jms 1:12). Any tree that does not bear the fruit of its professing name is a liar. The fruit of having the Spirit is *patience* in the time of trouble (Ps 50:15).

You cannot identify an apple tree out of season. (Cephas Masse can't either. Only a worldly-wise person even thinks he can). Just as you cannot say there is spiritual unity already existing between believers all over the world. No one can say that and have it be a true statement, for it isn't true. Jn 17:21-23 is the proof, the conclusive evidence for the validity of His own work is unity expressed in oneness which no one can deny. Not unless that tree produces *apples* and you can see them, touch them, eat them, can one call that tree an apple tree. You may think it's an apple tree, but it's not an apple tree unless it produces apples. (It is a tree, but it is not good for much.) *This should be clear*. A church is not a church just because there is a sign out front saying church of some kind. Nor can you hang a sign in a tree and say this is an apple tree of a various sort, unless it produces what the sign says. But it is ridiculous to hang a sign on a tree or a building — the *fruit* is sufficient and the only verification that is acceptable to God and spiritual man.

Patience is described all through the Bible. Heb 11 — The accounts of all the righteous were made. Jms 5:6 — The righteous man has the *fruit* of a righteous man. He does not resist the one who condemns or kills him. This is the very nature of Yahshua. Then He must be the one who is in him, since he does not resist or He did not resist (1 Jn 2:6).

Be patient until the coming of the Lord. The Lord will repay; "Vengeance is mine," says the Lord. Do not take your own revenge, or either entertain revenge in your heart or mind.

Behold, the farmer (the Lord) waits for the precious fruit (Mal 3:17) of the earth, being patient (He is patient; He cannot hurry His work of sanctification. It takes time for the inner preparation to be done in us) over it (He hovers over us like a mother eagle hovers over its young) until it receives the Early Rains and the latter rains.

You also be *patient* (for I am patient) (The same quality of the stone must be in us as is in Him). Establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord — the Harvest is at hand. Do not grumble against one another (Jms 5:6 11). Now the Lord expects His own patience working for the harvest, but first there will be the early rain, then a *growing period*, then the rain that *matures the fruit* or the wheat to full maturity, as in the last days. Eph 4:11 16 will take effect.

The early rains have begun as to where we are. We are now with Him, waiting for the latter rains to bring us to full maturity before the harvest, the great trial ahead of us. *We must be patient and kind through this pain*. This will take all of what we are made out of to be patient. Rev 3:10 — One Church stood the test. We count those blessed who have endured (Rev 20:5-6). Only the pure in heart will have *patience* to endure.

If one is not in the Body of Messiah — a local expression of it, one that God says is the Church and His Son's Body on earth — there is no need for that person to go to the judgment of the Church as the Body (2 Cor 5:10). Mt 7:21 is for the Body of Christ. Those in Mt 7:21 23 were in the Body of Messiah, but were doing lawless deeds, and they had to depart from Him until the second death for believers (1000 years, to wait for Rev 20:11 15 for death and Hades to give up their dead). Their names were recorded in the Book of Life, but others were not.