



# GOD'S PATIENCE HAS A PURPOSE

2 PETER 3:9

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Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - November 27, 2022

1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)  
9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_

3. Respond \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read Psalm 13. Do you ever find yourself complaining about God’s timing? Why is that offensive to God? What might cause you to trust God more with His perfect timing?
2. Read Psalm 139:7–10 and Psalm 11:5. Why is it so important that we understand that God sees all sin and hates all sin? How can this truth grow your view of God’s patience (long-suffering) and mercy?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:10. On your own, look up 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:12–16, 1 Peter 2:9, and Hebrews 10:25. Do an audit of your “gospel-busyness” and write down some ways that you would like to grow in this way. Share your findings with the group. What will you need to sacrifice to be more “gospel-busy?”
4. How often do you give praise to God for saving you? What is your plan to increase this habit? Why is it so important to regularly praise God for your salvation?
5. Does the level of your gratefulness match God’s graciousness in saving you? How can you continue to grow a grateful attitude toward God while not growing bitter toward an offensive world?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Piper, John. *21 Servants of Sovereign Joy: Faithful, Flawed, and Fruitful*. Crossway, 2018.

Stiles, Mack J. *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus*. Crossway, 2014.

Lawson, Steven. *Show Me Your Glory*. Ligonier Ministries, 2020

Tozer, A.W. *The Attributes of God Vol. 1*. Wingspread Publishers, 2007.

Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. IVP, 1993.

Benware, Paul N. *Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach*. Moody Publishers, 2006.

MacArthur, John. *Because the Time is Near: John MacArthur Explains the Book of Revelation*. Moody Publishers, 2007.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God will find this church serving Him faithfully upon Christ’s return!

Pray that everyone at CBCTV will trust God’s timing in all things. Pray that the people of CBCTV will be the most “gospel-busy” people in the valley.

Pray that the people of CBCTV will be the most “gospel-grateful” people in the valley.

Please pray for good weather, strong health, and working equipment as John Sanborn is in Uganda helping with construction at SOS Ministries.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
11/28	Ezekiel 20-21	Jude
11/29	Ezekiel 22-23	1 John 1
11/30	Ezekiel 24-27	1 John 2
12/1	Ezekiel 28-31	1 John 3
12/2	Ezekiel 32-34	1 John 4
12/3	Ezekiel 35-37	1 John 5