

Those To Serve

August 24th, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Zac Hall

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

George Thomas

Assist

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Aug. 27th

Song Leader

Singing

Invitation

George Thomas

Building And Communion for The Week of Aug. 31st

Julia Thrasher

Lawn And Ground for The Week of Aug. 31st

Zac Hall

The Park Street Proclaimer

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Brenda Gibson, Cody Carr and Don Stephenson

Prayer List

Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Wayne Stilwell, Ed Jones, Donna Jones, Drew Shinn and Paula Stilwell

Shut - Ins

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

Upcoming Events

Singing Aug. 27th

Fellowship Meal Aug. 31st

Questions and Answers Aug. 31st

Ladies Digging Deep Sep. 6th 2025.

Ladies Day With Shenja Brownlow-Dindy Sep. 27th

Gospel Meeting with Terrance Brownlow-Dindy Sep. 28th – Oct. 1st

Birthday

Judy Phillips 28th

Anniversary

Zac and Sarah Hall 28th

Passage to Ponder: Psalm 95:1

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Sunday Sermons

Am – Why Worship God

Pm – The Lord is Coming Back! How Christians Should Live (Part Three)

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 2:45

Wednesday Night – Singing



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

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Are You a Christian?

Do you know what you must do to be saved?

Hear – Romans 10:17

Believe – John 8:24

Repent – Acts 17:30

Confess – Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to olathecoc@gmail.com
Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

"Longsuffering" The Fourth Characteristic of "the Fruit of the Spirit"

Part 1

Chuck Northrop

A fourth characteristic of "the fruit of the Spirit" is longsuffering. Some have defined the term as "long on suffering." Certainly, this is an easy way to remember the basic concept. A couple of synonyms of "longsuffering" are forbearance and patience. W.E. Vine wrote, "Longsuffering is that quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy..." Further, the concept carries with it the idea of the "patient enduring of evil" and the "slowness of avenging injuries" (The Analytical Greek Lexicon).

As Vine pointed out, longsuffering is the opposite of anger. Remember in context Paul is contrasting "the fruit of the Spirit" with "the works of the flesh." This contrast is readily seen in longsuffering. antonyms of longsuffering are "hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, [and] strife" – all "works of the flesh" (Galatians 5:19-21). "Hatred" is enmity, while "variance" is strife and contention. "Emulations" are indignation, and wrath is fierceness or outbursts of anger. All are in contrast to and opposite of longsuffering. In other words and in application, a person does not portray longsuffering while holding a grudge, being contentious, or exploding in anger.

Longsuffering is an attribute of God. David, the Psalmist wrote, "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth" (Psalm 86:15). We can all be thankful that because of God's compassion and graciousness, He is forbearing and patient with us. While we deserve death because of our sin and rebellion, He is longsuffering. Peter wrote, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). God is not indifferent about His promise of the second coming and judgment. The reason for His apparent delay is His longsuffering. God is not willing that any should be lost. He desires "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). He gives mankind opportunity and time in order for all men to come to Him in repentance. Knowing the hard-heartedness of man, it is little wonder that Peter later wrote, "the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation"(2 Peter 3:15).

Noah serves as an example of the longsuffering of the Lord. Peter wrote, "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water" (1 Peter 3:20). Just as God is longsuffering with us, He was longsuffering with Noah's contemporaries and gave them opportunity to repent. Sadly, they did not, and when judgment came, only eight souls were saved! What a sad commentary on that generation. Could this be said of our generation? One day, God will send forth His Son and "all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29). God is longsuffering towards usward, but His longsuffering and patience will come to an end, and judgment day will be upon us. When that great and notable day comes, where will you spend eternity? Today is the day to prepare! So, be prepared. Judgment day is coming!

In the parable of the unjust judge, Jesus taught among other principles the longsuffering of God (Luke 18:1-8). In this parable, a wicked judge grants the petition of a widow who continually petitioned him. Like the unjust judge, God grants petitions. If the unjust judge will grant the petition of a persistent widow, how much more will God, the righteous Judge, grant to His own faithful servants who continually beseech Him? Concerning longsuffering, Jesus said, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (Luke 18:7). The word translated "bear long" is the same original word and is usually translated longsuffering. We, like the persistent widow, continually make requests of God. Oftentimes, we make requests over and over and over again. Many times, it is not because we do not believe God will grant our prayers, but because of our own weaknesses and needs, we beseech God continually. In spite of such weaknesses, in spite of our failings, in spite of our lack of faith, God is longsuffering with us and grants our continual petitions.

In the midst of exposing the sin and hypocrisy of the Jews, Paul gives a ray of hope. He wrote, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4). Throughout their history, the Jews saw and experienced the goodness of God, but they continually rejected Him. Nonetheless, God was forbearing and longsuffering with them desiring their repentance. Like so many people, they were anxious to receive God's goodness, but they refused to be lead down the road of repentance. All men have seen the riches of God's goodness. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17). Those good and perfect gifts should lead all men to repentance, but sadly too many are like the Jews of old and reject the riches of God's goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering.