

Meet Me at the Corner

***“let us run with patience, the race that is SET BEFORE US”*** Heb 12:1

**YOU HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE to run the race** Hebrews 10:36

***“He, Christ, ever lives to make intercession for them”*** Hebrews 7:25

Galatians 5:22

lists patience as one of the fruits of the Spirit,

**WALK IN THE SPIRIT** – Gal 5:24, 25 *those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions & desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us walk by the Spirit.”*

**(old patterns of thinking and acting independently of God)**

**ROMANS 5:17** – DEATH reigned through Adam, MUCH MORE will those who receive the ABUNDANCE OF GRACE AND THE FREE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, reign in life, through Jesus Christ”

**Roms 6:6-7** *“The old self was crucified with Him. We’ve died to sin and been set free from sin. Dead to sin.”*

## **MANIFOLD GRACE**

***“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God”      1 Peter 4:10***



**Titus 2:11-12 –**

***“for the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation for all men,  
instructing/TEACHING us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and  
to live sensibly, righteously and godly lives in the present age***

John 1:16, 17

**“For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace. The Law was given through Moses, TRUTH and GRACE through Jesus”**

***“SAVED BY GRACE AND ACCESS TO THE GRACE IN WHICH WE NOW STAND and rejoice in hope***

***More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint” Romans 5:2***

**2 PETER 1 – TALKS ABOUT CHARACTER** – walking diligently in faith, adding moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love ... for if these qualities are yours and increasing, they will render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of Jesus Christ.

***“Therefore brethren be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble” 2 Peter 1:10***

GRACE was not available in Old Covenant.

*“as to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry ... to whom it was revealed that not for themselves, **but for us**,  
did they minister the things” 1 Peter 1:10,12*

# STRENGTHENED FOR PATIENCE

*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet **trials of various kinds**, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, **MATURE** lacking in nothing”* James 1:2-4

We are not a match for the enemy in our own strength.

*“But He gives a greater grace. **“THAN WHAT”***

*Therefore it says, GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you”* James 4:6-7

*God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.* 1 Peter 5:5

# Paul's thorn – 2 Corinthians 12:7

“because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, to keep me from exalting myself, there was a thorn in the flesh given to me, A MESSENGER OF SATAN, to buffet me and keep me from exalting myself.

I asked the Lord 3 times to take it

And He said, ***My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.*** Gladly I will boast of my weaknesses that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

I'm content with weaknesses, insults, distresses, persecutions, **difficulties for Christ's sake**, for when I am weak, I am strong.”



**Grace grows.** *“Be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness. **But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**”*

2 Peter 3:17,18

Heb 13:9 “do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings, for it is good for **the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods,** through which those who were thus occupied were not benefited”

# LEWDNESS ... an entire lack of moral restraint.

*“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, **ungodly persons, who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness (lewdness) and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.**” Jude 3-4*

# PAUL'S PERSONAL TRIAL

2 Timothy 4:16 *“At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me” “**but the LORD STOOD WITH ME AND STRENGTHENED ME**”*

James 1 does not say

*“blessed is the man who **escapes** the trials” ....*

**BUT**

*“blessed is the man who **perseveres under trial**”.*

***“let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of  
need”***

Hebrews 4:16

**Phil 4:11-13**

***I'VE LEARNT THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT IN ALL SITUATIONS ... in prosperity or in lack. In EVERY situation.***

***I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME***

- ***“you therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus” 2 Timothy 2:1***
- ***“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might” Ephesians 6:10***

*“And after you **suffer** (Greek **pascho**) external, CAUSING suffering internally.  
for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right.  
**He will make you strong and support you and keep you from falling”***

**1 Peter 5:10**

*“This is the **true grace** of God, **in this stand fast**”*

**1 Peter 5:11-12**



***“who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.***

***For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.” 2 CORINTHIANS 1:4,5***

# GRACE FOR YOUR TRIAL

*“but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able”. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

*“... but (God) will, with the temptation, also provide the **way of escape** that you might be able to endure it”*