

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How important is patience in our lives? How long are we to be patient?
2. What does it mean to “grudge not one against another”? How can this grudging affect us spiritually?
3. How does the trying of our faith work patience?
4. How can verse 16 affect the relationship between you and your brother or sister?

### SUMMARY:

We are given the example of a farmer who plants seeds then patiently waits for the harvest. In Christian work, we must learn that only God can make the seed of our labors bear fruit. In prayer we again must wait patiently on the Lord. Often a delayed answer to prayer is necessary to prove our faithfulness. Likewise our asking for forgiveness may not be answered immediately as a test of our sincerity and our faith in Jesus. “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” (Psalm 126:6)

### NOTES:

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**[SoF:5]** We believe in Christ’s bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God, and that He will make a personal return to earth in power and glory.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

March 28, 2010

First Quarter

## CHRISTIAN PATIENCE

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**LESSON TEXT:** *James 5:7-20*

**LESSON SETTING:** Written by James addressed to the converted Jews.

**TIME:** Approximately 60 AD

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### I. PATIENCE ENCOURAGED. James 5:7-9

- A. Patience necessary (vs. 7) Hebrews 10:36; James 1:4
- B. Be Steadfast (vs. 8) Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:1
- C. Wait on the Lord (vs. 9) Psalm 37:7; 40:1; Acts 1:4

### II. PATIENCE ILLUSTRATED. James 5:10-12

- A. By Prophets (vs. 10) Hebrews 6:13-15; 11:25
- B. By Job (vs. 11)
- C. By Believers. 2 Thessalonians 1:4

### III. PATIENCE IN PRAYER. James 5:13-20

- A. An answer promised (vs. 15) Psalm 91:15; John 15:7
- B. Pardon Promised (vs. 15) Isaiah 55:7; 1 John 1:9
- C. Spiritual Healing Promised (vs. 16) Hosea 6:1; Luke 4:18

**GOLDEN TEXT: BE YE ALSO PATIENT: STABLISH YOUR HEARTS: FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.** *[SoF:5]*

James 5:8

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Luke 24:13-53

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Job 10:25-27; Daniel 12:2-3, 13;  
Matthew 22:23-32;  
Colossians 2:9-15

**QUARTERLY THEME:** David the King

**TOPIC:** THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the Old Testament, the subject of the resurrection from the dead is seldom dealt with. It appears that punishment for evil was often meted out in this life. While there are some references to the resurrection from the dead, it was not until the time of Christ's resurrection that the subject was treated more fully. [\[SoF:5\]](#)

Christ, the "first fruits" of them that slept, gave impetus to the teaching of the reuniting of the body and the soul after death. [\[SoF:10\]](#) It was necessary that He be resurrected and supported by infallible proofs in order that the doctrine of the resurrection be firmly established. To this end He provided an ample array of witnesses attesting to the fact that He arose from the dead.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christ is the complete fulfillment of the prophetic Scriptures.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED.* Luke 24:34

In order that none may have a valid excuse for disbelieving His resurrection, Christ allowed Himself to be seen and identified by qualified and faithful witnesses. Quite contrary to their expectations, the women at the tomb early in the morning saw Jesus in His resurrected body. Calling many by name, He identified Himself. Meeting with the eleven in a room, He again identified Himself by the wounds in His hands and His side. Again He showed Himself to more than 500 at one time, thus supplying many witnesses for His cause. It now remains for us who live to witness for Him, testifying to all, that "THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED." [\[SoF:5\]](#)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 29 – Apr. 4**

M. \*Fellowship Rooted in Redemption. Luke 24:13-27

T. \*Fellowship Grounded in the Scriptures. Luke 24:28-35

W. \*Fellowship Conditioned by Christ's Presence. Luke 24:36-43

T. \*Fellowship Governed by the Spirit's Power. Luke 24:44-53

F. \*Fellowship Demonstrated by Witnessing. Acts 2:37-47

S. \*Fellowship Expressed by Prayer. Acts 4:23-31

S. \*Fellowship Marked by Unity. Acts 4:32-37

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[\[SoF 5\]](#) We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection and His ascension to the right hand of God, and that He will make a personal return to earth in power and glory. [\[SoF 10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.