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## Music Ministries

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### **Our Amazingly Patient & Longsuffering God**

**2 Peter 3:9**

*“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”*

How often do we think about God as being patient? Or do we ever, if at all, consider that God is a longsuffering God? I'm writing specifically of the truth that God continually pours out love, grace, and mercy on those who reject Him and refuse to acknowledge Him and believe in His only Son Jesus, despite all of the good that God has blessed them with. Longsuffering is a word that we don't often use, but I think it describes a wonderful attribute of God related to His patience and kindness.

A definition of someone who is longsuffering is someone who shows control or restraint when stirred to anger. This is a good description of God in regard to man's sin and continual disregard for His kindness, grace, mercy, and provision given to us by Him every moment of every day. He suffers long for us. He willingly, lovingly suffers long and restrains Himself from giving the judgment and condemnation deserved, even though the unbelieving, unthankful man takes the blessings from God and refuses to recognize Him. And even still as man rejects God, His desire for us is not to have us perish in our sins, but to come to Him and repent. (2 Peter 3:9)

We are a “pull yourself up by your own bootstraps” people. I've heard people many times say things like “I got where I am because I worked hard all my life. I earned it. I deserve it. I worked hard for all that I have, and I got where I am because of my hard work.” And yet the truth is that God graciously allowed all of the good in their lives, and He continues to allow the blessings with the desire that they would repent, turn, and believe in Him.

In Romans 2:4 Paul writes, “*Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?*” What Paul is saying here is that man should recognize the blessings of God, and it should lead him to repentance. A person should look back at his life noticing the countless times of God's grace, mercy, and provision, and patience, and instead of saying “I did it all” he should be giving all the glory and praise to God with the understanding that God blessed him greatly with the desire that all men would believe in Him. What a kind, loving, gracious, long-suffering God He is. And yet, even still man refuses to acknowledge God.

Paul, in Romans 2:5-8, continues with a clear warning, “*But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life, but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.*”

The longer a person lives and goes on not recognizing the gracious blessings of God in his life, the more of the wrath of God he is storing up for himself in the final day of judgment. J.I. Packer wrote, “The Bible makes much of the patience and forbearance of God in postponing merited judgments in order to extend the day of grace and give more opportunity for repentance.”

Again, 1 Timothy 2:3-6 says, “*This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all...*”

The gracious, kind, long-suffering heavenly Father offered His only Son as a ransom so that all men who would repent and believe in Him would be saved.

--scott

***“Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Music and Through the Teaching of God's Word and Discipleship of Others”***

## Praises/Prayers:

*\*\*Praise God! We serve a Risen Savior!*

*\*\*Praise God for safety and protection as we recently travelled to see all our kids and their families.*

*\*\*Pray as we finish up our 12-week study in the book of James the end of April. Pray for solid application in all our lives as God's Word has convicted our hearts. We desire to be doers of the Word, just not hearers!*

*\*\*Pray for our Wednesday morning FCA Bible Study with students. God is working in many ways not only in the students' lives, but has answered prayer specifically regarding teachers/coaches who are solid believers in Christ to join us in the spread of the Gospel.*

*\*\*Pray for our Truth Singers and staff. So many have physical needs they are asking prayer for, and many seem open and receptive to the Gospel.*

## TRUTH SINGERS CARNIVAL

Thursday, April 18  
6:00

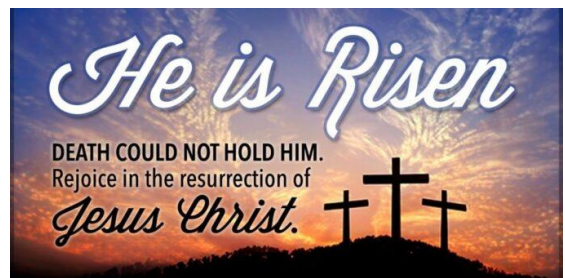


If you would like to help out at the Truth Singers carnival by running a booth, helping with food, or donating game/door prizes or other items, please let Annette know. We are looking for \$5-\$10 gift cards, 2-liter and 6-pack pops, juice, adult coloring books or word finds, pre-packaged food items, or other fun novelty items or gift baskets the Truth Singers would like. We are expecting close to 90 Truth Singers to attend along with their staff and families. We like to make sure each special needs adult goes home with a fun door prize. Thanks for your help!

*John 11:25-27*

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’*

*She (Martha) said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.’”*



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