

Rediscover Christmas: Good News in Troubling Times  
Finding Patience in our Suffering  
Romans 8:18-27

Many of us grew up hearing, "Anything worth having is worth waiting for." Somehow that seemingly timeless truth has gotten lost in our society. A lack of patience with regard to careers creates much movement in the job market. A lack of patience applied to our consumerism has created out-of-control debt not just for our nation but for our individual families as well.

1. Christ should define our expectations.
2. Christ is with us in our waiting.
3. Christ decides our mission and purpose.

When we look at the Old Testament, we see that the prophets anticipated the coming of Messiah and they patiently endured good kings and evil kings. They witnessed the destruction of their nation and dealt patiently with the oppression that followed while preparing the world for His arrival. Now, we look forward with anticipation to the return of Jesus and patiently endure the trials of this life while carrying out the work of preparing the world for his arrival.