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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 47

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His patience** to you. **1 Tim. 1:16**, *“But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life.”*

The Greek word here for **patience** is *makrothumian* which means able to wait with great or long ability. One of the types of the fruit of the Spirit, patience, is the ability to wait. How unlike most of us. We want something when we want it. We will push our way to the front of a line. We will walk over people with no regard. We will treat people with disdain if they are in our way. **James 4:2-3**, *“You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”*

But God is so very patient with us. He is long suffering. He is able to wait. Aren't you glad He doesn't give up on us? One of my favorite scriptures says is this way: **2 Pet. 3:9**, *“The LORD is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”* Can you say Amen to that? He was patiently waiting on you to see that He loves you enough to take your sin upon Himself and pay your sin debt on a cruel cross! The LORD is patient!

In our text today, it says His immense patience. The word for immense is the Greek word *apasan*, which means all or the whole. God is not limited. And certainly He is not limited in His patience. He continues to be patient with me even though I am so very impatient. As the psalmist says in **Ps. 103:14**, *“He knows that we are but dust.”*

Dear Father, thank You for being so very patient with me. I know that You are perfect in Your patience to us. Help me LORD be patient as well. I struggle with this in so many ways. Fill me to overflowing with Your patience. In Jesus Name, Amen