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### Waiting Patiently

**Psalms 130:1 I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.**

Hi, I am Ant Wilson and I was going to be taking the evening service at Perry Green Baptist Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. I am one of the Elders at Stanton Road Baptist church, Luton and Hadrian Christian Fellowship, Dunstable. I became a Christian in 1975 just before taking A level and then studying Building Engineering at Bath University. I live in Dunstable with my wife Debbie and have 3 fantastic children and 4 amazing grandchildren. I retired from work in St Albans last July, after 40 years service to the same company.

One of my favourite verses from the Old Testament is Isaiah 40:31 King James Version (KJV)

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

In more modern translations they often use the words Trust or Hope instead of Wait.

In these current difficult times what are we waiting for? (What are we Hoping for or Trusting in?) Waiting includes elements of Hope and Trusting (or why are we waiting!!!)

Psalm 40:1 New Living Translation (NLT) “I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.”

Are we people crying out to God? What would we like God to do? What do we have to do?

The new phrase from our government is to Stay Alert, which is different from Stay Home, are we open to God’s promptings each hour of the day? Do we stay alert to the Holy Spirit? I am sure we all want to follow Jesus and be the best we can be in our Christian lives. Currently in the UK we need to be Patient and being Patient is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 Revised Standard Version (RSV) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.” In the RSV version on the Bible which I used when I became a Christian it uses the word PATIENCE but in other translations it uses longsuffering or forbearance. The Amplified Bible says in Galatians 5:22 ” But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness,

goodness, faithfulness,"

We need both the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Power) and our lives to reflect the nature of God – the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We need wisdom, knowledge and clear discernment and to have all the elements of the Fruit.

What I do know is that we have to wait patiently on God and He will renew us. We need as the modern song states "More Love, More Power, More of you in my life". Sometimes it isn't that we don't know that He wants us to do something. It is just we don't want to do it!! In these uncertain times let us repeat the words of the Hymn writer of over a 100 years ago John H. Sammis "Trust and obey! For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey".

May God bless you all, Keep Safe, Strong and Healthy.

Ant Wilson

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.



Celebrating VE Day.  
Waiting for Chloe and Luke to bring out the cakes.

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