The Patience of God

When you're stuck in traffic, it does no good to blow your horn. It's a test of patience. Same in Emergency when it's overloaded. Not helpful to rant loudly about the failing system; instead, exhibit patience. As the saying goes, *What can't be cured, must be endured*.

True Patience - How about this, 2 Peter 3:9: *The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering (patient), not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.* How long has God been showing His patience? It's been more than 2,000 years since the gospel of the Grace of God was first proclaimed; and now the message has been spread throughout the world.

What is God waiting for? He has clearly stated in His book, the Bible, that there will be an end to this preaching, marking the end of His patience. Matthew 24:44: *Therefore, be also ready, for in such an hour as you think not the Son of Man comes.* So, why has God's patience been extended for so long? Perhaps, He's waiting for one more soul to repent of their sins and believe on His Son, Jesus Christ, for permanent salvation. Could it be that God is waiting for YOU?

Come to Jesus – Agree with God that you are a hopeless, helpless sinner. Others cannot help you and on your own, you can do nothing to gain favour with God, except cry to the Lord Jesus for rescue. He will surely hear a sincere and desperate call to lift your soul out of that "dead-end" situation. Romans 10:13 *Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

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