

“Learning to Wait”

Sermon

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Question: Are you good at waiting? How do you act when you wait?

- 1) We wait like new parents with expectant wonder, for the promise of the unknown.

When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. *(John 16:21)*

- 2) We are waiting as liberated citizens, with excitement at the promise of better government, greater security, and a perfect Leader.

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. *(Matthew 24:29-31)*

- 3) All who wait are changed.

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. *(Romans 6:1-4)*

Question: How has your waiting changed you?