“Be Patient”

Intro: In putting our faith to the __________ James expresses the truth that faith that is not followed by right __________ is dead.

A. Right living is the inescapable ______________ of saving faith. Faith without works is dead.

1. We can’t have Jesus as our Savior and not our ________ and ________!

B. In today’s text we come to James’s call to the persecuted, suffering believer. We again have our __________ put to the test, being told what humble repentance looks like as __________ _______ in the life of the persecuted Christian.

James 5:7-8

I. Humble repentance (true saving faith) reveals itself in the life of the believer through __________.

A. Here, to be “patient” means to be “________-suffering in regards to difficult __________”

1. It is this very same patience that God __________ _____ that we might come to repentance, that we are to have toward others. (cf. 2 Peter 3:9)

2. The patience we are to show as commanded by James is the __________ of understanding and ______________ toward those who mistreat us, even to ungrateful and evil men. (cf. Luke 6:35)

3. Patience is to __________ the life of the believer as a __________ of their faith in Christ!

B. The patience of true faith __________ until the coming of the Lord.
1. Jesus is __________ __________!

2. Let us join with the Apostle Paul who wrote, “For I consider that the ____________ of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the __________ that is to be ______________ to us.” (Rom 8:18)

3. The patience of the __________ who trusts God for the crop and the crop producing rain is an ____________ of the kind of patience true __________ produces in the life of the believer.

C. We are to _____________ our heart.

1. Nothing will strengthen the believer’s heart like the __________ of God! ____________ immerse yourself in His Word.

2. “Here,” says James, “strengthen your heart with this: ‘The coming of the __________ is at _________!’”

Closing: Dear family, this is faith in action, this is the cry of humble repentance; we shall ______ _________ with all men, even in suffering for the Lord is coming, and He is coming soon to be with us forevermore!

   Strengthen your hearts dear friends for it is he whose faith endures to the end who shall be saved.

   He comes, and He comes quickly as thief in the night! Make sure of __________ __________, dear friend, make sure of __________ __________.

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