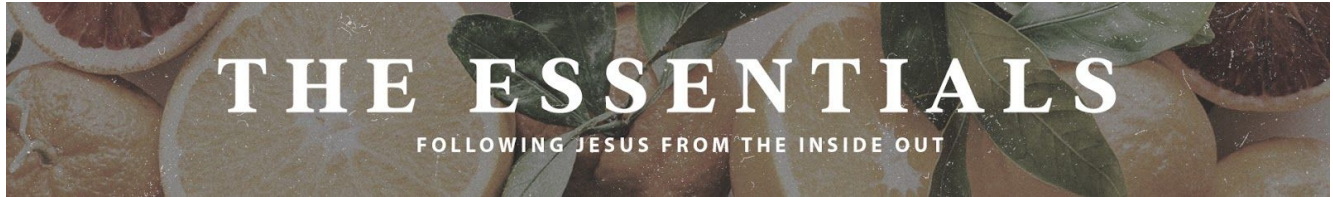


BEYOND SUNDAY: October 25, 2020



Series Page: wearepcc.com/theessentials

Message: Patience

The Essentials 9-week series will focus on what it means to reflect the character of Jesus. Each week we will wrestle with one of the essential characteristics of Jesus with the hope of it bearing fruit in our lives as we become more dependent on the Spirit to lead us. This week our focus is on the fourth fruit of the Spirit - patience.

#1

Define patience. How do we exhibit counterfeit patience? In what area do you need the most patience right now? With yourself? With others? With God and His timing?

#2

This week's speaker and Lead Pastor, Pastor Gary Gaddini, used an illustration of a grain of sand trapped inside an oyster. Over a period of time that grain of sand, with lubrication from the oyster, becomes a radiant pearl. What does this mean to you? How can we apply this to our current series, Essentials, and today's fruit - patience, also translated as forbearance (Read [Galatians 5:22-23](#))?

#3

God's patience with us is repeatedly declared in Scripture. See [Psalms 103:8-10](#). How does this make you feel? How do you respond to the patience of God when there is wickedness and evil in the world? Can you recall times when Jesus demonstrated patience with the disciples? How does He demonstrate patience with us today?

#4

In his book, [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), Christopher J.H. Wright addresses a sobering and not often talked about topic: endurance in suffering. Suffering for us in America is different from many parts of the world, but we know for a fact we will suffer hostility from those who are enemies of God. When this happens how have you, or will you, show Godly endurance as opposed to counterfeit endurance? Jesus is our ultimate example of endurance in suffering.

BEYOND SUNDAY: October 25, 2020

#5

See [James 1:2-4](#). In **addition** to forbearance, what should our attitude be when that grain of sand is rubbing against us? And what does it produce in us? In **addition** to bearing with one another, what does [Colossians 3:13](#) say may be necessary on our part? How do you see forgiveness being related to being patient?

#6

When the grains of sand rub up against us, Gary challenged us “to see our frustration as formation.” Who are your spiritual heroes that you look up to, and how are they an inspiration for you to walk in the spirit ([James 5:10-11](#))? We cannot be transformed on our own. It is essential to stay rooted in our super-power, the Holy Spirit, and others around us.

Series Daily Prayer:



THE ESSENTIALS
FOLLOWING JESUS FROM THE INSIDE OUT

John Stott's Morning Prayer

Good morning Heavenly Father, Good morning Lord Jesus, Good morning Holy Spirit.
Father, I worship you as the Creator and sustainer of the universe.
Lord Jesus, I worship you as Lord and Saviour of this world.
Holy Spirit, I worship you as the sanctifier of the people of God.
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Heavenly Father, I pray that today I might walk in your presence and please you more and more.
Lord Jesus, I pray that today I might take up my cross and follow you.
Holy Spirit, I pray that you might fill me today with your presence and cause your fruit to ripen within me: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.**
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity; three persons in one God, have mercy on me. Amen

John Stott (1921-2011), evangelist and scholar

[Click to download prayer & Galatians 5:22-23](#)

Actions or Resources:

- Memorize the Fruit of the Spirit: [Galatians 5:22-23](#).
- Read Chapter 5 (Kindness): [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), by Christopher J.H. Wright.
- Join a 9-Week Group: [Cultivating The Essentials](#) for Men, Women, or Coed.
- Join a [House Church](#).