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## A call to endure – Pt 4 & final Endure the weak, the lost that some might be saved

This is our fourth and final study on the call to endure. In our previous teaching we established three points from the scriptures – (1) Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, endured such contraction of sinners, (2) let us put aside every weight of sin and run the race set before us with patience, and (3) when we sin endure God's chastisement. In this study we establish three additional points – (1) God endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath, (2) Christ endured the reproaches of them that reproached Him, and (3) The Holy Spirit endures through believers today.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. God endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath

"What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction" (Rom.9: 22).

### 2. Christ endured the reproaches of them that reproached Him

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves...For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me" (Rom 15:1, 3).

### 3. The Holy Spirit endures the lost through believers today

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith" (Gal 5:22) – c.f. 1 Cor.13: 4 "Charity suffereth long" – c.f. – 1 Cor. 13: 7 "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things".

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

My job as branch manager, where I manage an electrical store of 9 heathens – is teaching me much about people. Nothing that we can't learn from the scriptures, but when we experience a learning first hand – it often cements the learning in our hearts. And at work they play a godless radio station, customers come in and blaspheme the name of our Saviour, and so there is a daily struggle of being a light in the darkness, whilst doing my job.

Question to think about.

i) What is the struggle for believers in enduring the weak, the lost that some might be saved? ii) What does enduring the weak do for us?

Our answer from the scriptures.

i) The struggle for believers in enduring the weak is we cannot simply read about the need to endure and just do so. The Lord Jesus and Paul only endured the weak through the Holy Spirit – living in the Spirit, walking in the Spirit and being led by the Spirit of God. And for us today there is often two extremes – a) Hell fire, and no care, charity or enduring the lost, or b) love the lost to hell and no truth is ever shared. Perhaps we neglect to engulf our encounters with the weak in prayer.

ii) For us – when we endure the weak it humbles us and cements a reliance on the Holy Spirit to bear the fruit of the Spirit through us. We die daily (1Cor.15: 32). Let us – "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim.4: 2). All under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – show charity, enduring all things – being a Jew to the Jew, being weak to those who are weak that some might be saved! Amen!!