

1 Timothy 1:16 ESV

¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

You, like Paul and Timothy, have “received mercy so that Jesus Christ displays His perfect patience as an example” to others who would believe in Jesus Christ and receive eternal life with God. God is mercifully patient with you. You benefit from God’s patience, but it isn’t only for you. God is using you to Glorify Himself as He draws others to salvation in Jesus Christ! God is mercifully patient!



2 Peter 3:9 ESV

⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

You experienced God's patience and He brought you to repentance by graciously giving your faith in Christ. Take time throughout today to express gratitude to God for His patience and praise Him for your salvation. Plead God to be patient with someone who has not professed faith in Jesus Christ or with a child of God who is acting like a fool. Humbly ask God to continue patiently dealing with you as you grow to become more like Christ. God is mercifully patient!

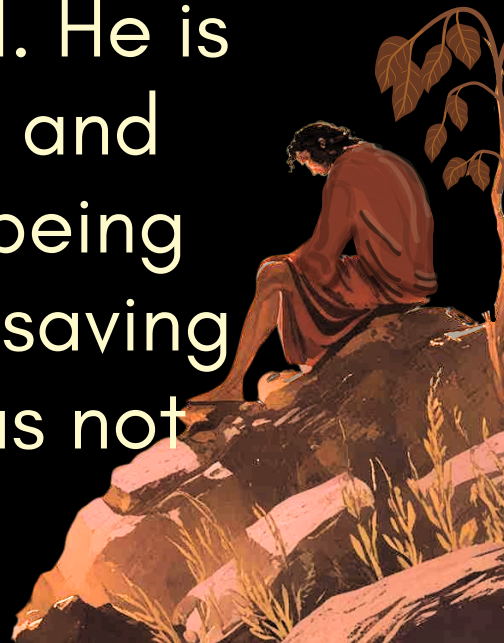


Psalm 86:15-16 ESV

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.

God patiently gave you faith, changed your heart and mind, helped you realize your wrathful situation with God, and caused you to believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son who died on the cross and resurrected. He is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, overflowing in steadfast love and faithfulness. Like the Psalmist, pray and give thanks to God for being mercifully patient towards you, turning His face toward you, and saving you. Plead for Him to continue doing that with someone who has not believed in Jesus Christ. God is a mercifully patient God!



Romans 2:4 ESV

⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

God has been and is mercifully patient with you. Paul writes that God has been more patient with you than you can realize. Was God mercifully patient with you just so you can continue doing destructive things from a warped heart and mind? When you were separated from God, due to your sin, did God abandon you? No! God was patient and kind to lead you to realize your need for Jesus Christ and repent. God is a mercifully patient God!



Exodus 34:6-7 ESV

⁶The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands,^[a] forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

God reveals Himself to you in this passage from Exodus. God's character is shown in both patience and in action. His patience has been active for generations. Praise God for His patience. But God will take action one day against sin and sinners. This will be an awesome action and will demonstrate His justice and wrath. Praise God that He was patient with you and pray for Him to continue patiently drawing His people to Himself. Praise God for also being just! God is a mercifully patient God who is perfectly just!

