

FOR THIS REASON

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"Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life." 1 Timothy 1:16 (NASB)

1. **For This Reason:** Paul Was Saved So That God Could Display To All His Gracious And Merciful Patience With The Most Wretched Sinners.

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost" 1 Timothy 1:15 (NASB)

- Paul Learned To See Himself As God Sees Him In Christ.

2. **Found Mercy:** The Bible describes God's mercy as an unfailing, compassionate love that withholds the punishment we deserve and extends forgiveness we could never earn.

- Mercy: Compassion For The Miserable.

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4-5 (NASB 95)

3. **Jesus Christ:** The offices of Christ refer to what He does for our salvation. He is Prophet, Priest, and King.

4. **Perfect Patience:** Patience Is Trusting God And What He Has Promised And Provided In Christ, Regardless Of The Difficulties And Inequities Of This Present Moment.

"But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come ..." 2 Peter 3:8-10 (NASB 95).

5. **Eternal Life:** When We Who Trust In Christ And Know Him Die, We Have The Hope Of A Resurrected Body, A Glorified Body That Enables Us To Commune With God For All Eternity In A Deeper And More Intimate Way.

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." John 11:25 (NASB 95)