

- *Read Romans 3:21-31 and 5:1-during service*

How can we change our own characters?

- "Patience is a virtue, possess it if you can. Seldom found in woman - and never in a man!"
 - maybe that's what this guy is feeling...?
- *Man despairing at inability to change picture*
- And worse, I'm not sure if patience is seen in a positive light in our "fast-food", 24/7, instant access culture
 - *patience is what you need when something has gone wrong*
- These are just a couple of illustrative images when you do an image search on the word patience!
 - *2x waiting images...*

God is patient with us

- *God is patient slide*
- From the garden of Eden, through the patriarchs and Judges, David and the Kings, the time of the prophets...
 - the sins left unpunished - [Romans 3:25](#)

God brings good out of waiting

- *God brings good out of waiting slide*
- Ultimate good
 - and develops character
 - see [Romans 5:3-4](#)
- *Some things are worth waiting for - pregnant woman - image*

The Spirit develops in us trust... which shows up as patience

- As we know God better, we learn to trust him - and that shows up as patience!
- So many of these character things show up as *"get to know God better!"*