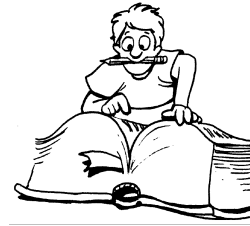




I BELIEVE

If you have never believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior, take a moment now to know that God the Father loves us and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, down from heaven to become a man to pay the penalty for all of our sins and not only ours but for the sins of the whole world. He was without sin and He paid the price for everyone's sins on the cross. After that He was buried in a tomb and then rose again from the dead. If you believe in Jesus, you will spend eternity with God in heaven forever and no one can snatch you out of God's hands! This is God's TRUTH.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

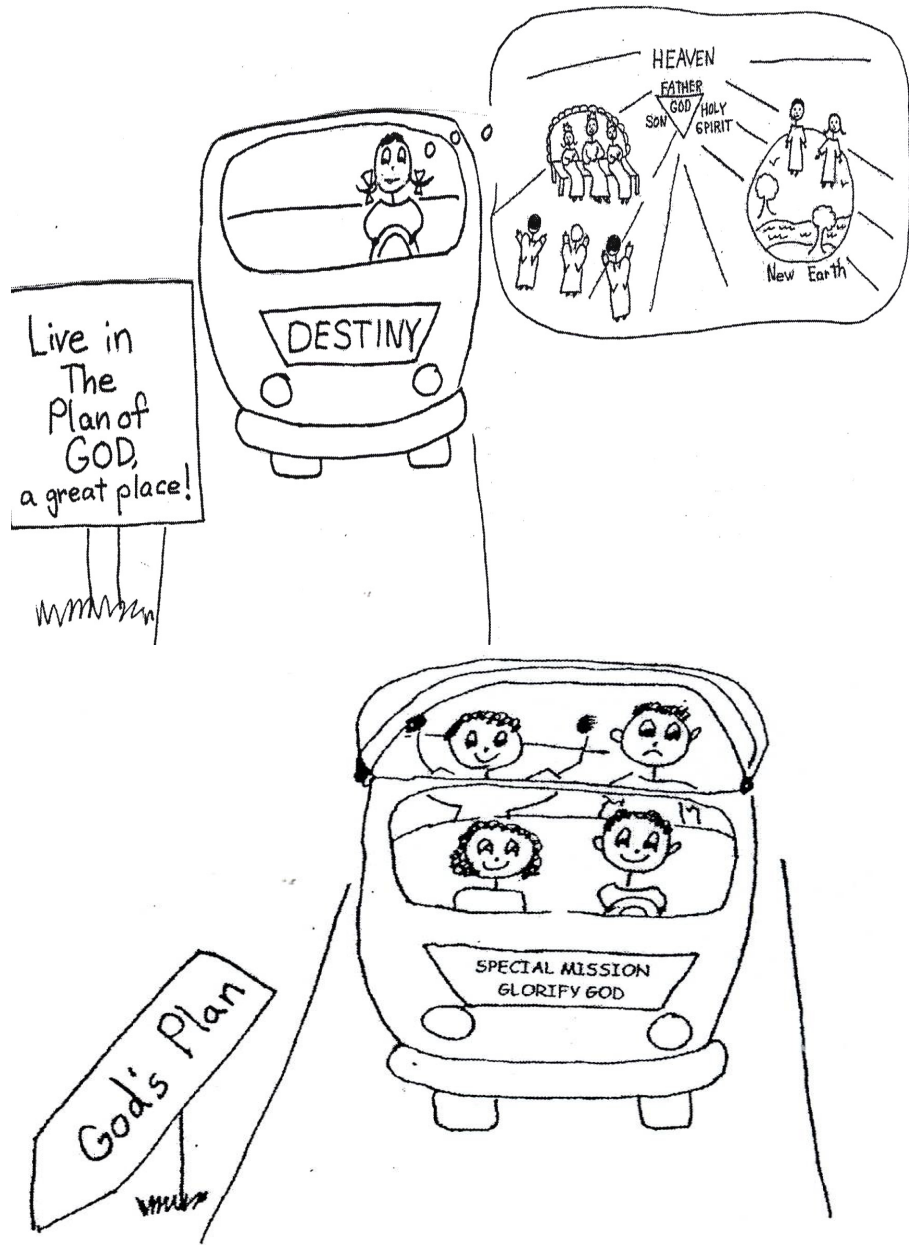


2 Timothy 3:10-11 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, **love, perseverance [being able to hang in there in the circumstances], persecution, and sufferings**, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

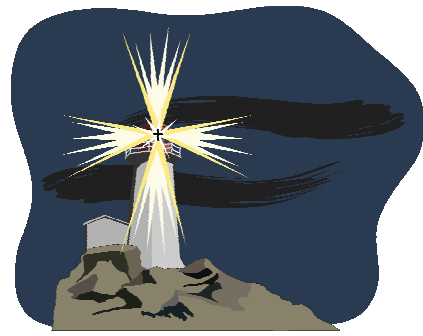
Perseverance - Hupomone

The second kind of **patience** is **hupomone**, or **perseverance**. It means to continue on or persevere when there are difficult circumstances. It means not being a coward and quitting when the going gets tough! It means putting up with **suffering, affliction and persecution**. When we have **hupomone**, we know the Lord is going to come through for us and rescue us. We get this kind of **patience** the same way we get **makrothumia**, through learning, believing and using the Word of God. That is the only way we can get it! Once we come to know and to love God, others and ourselves, God will bring on circumstances that will test our capacity. He will see if we will apply His Word and put up with circumstances we don't like. This takes a lot of Bible doctrine in our soul! God wants to bring in **sufferings** after we have had the opportunity to develop **hupomone**, or **perseverance** and hope in Him during our sufferings. When we have **perseverance**, God knows we won't be easily distracted in times of sorrow because we have placed our expectations in Him. He is the only One Who can fill our expectations!

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