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# The Folsom View

*“Sirs, we wish to see Jesus.” — John 12:21*

## Welcome Visitors

Our goal at the Folsom church of Christ is to do everything according to God’s word, including respecting its silence. We are not a denomination, not part of anything larger than this local church; we have no earthly “headquarters.” The five elders oversee this church and, ultimately, we answer only to Christ. The comments you hear today are primarily for the benefit of our own members, as we examine Scripture and seek to be built up in our faith in Christ. If you don’t understand something, please do not hesitate to ask the preacher or one of the elders. We welcome and appreciate your comments and questions on any issue and especially if you see or hear anything that you feel does not correspond to God’s word.

We are here to serve; please help us do that.

***We do not solicit donations from visitors. Please fill out a visitor’s card and put it in the collection plate when it is passed. See page 4 for more information.***

## Schedule

### The Lord’s Day

#### 9:30 AM Bible Classes

*Auditorium: A Study of Joy*

*Young Adult Class (room 12): “Journeys with Jesus”*

*Room 13/14: “Transformed Relationships” (Romans 12-16)*

#### 10:30 AM: Assembly

Preaching Today: Zac Brown

*“Running With Purpose”*

*I Corinthians 9:24-27*

*Livestream at 9:30 & 10:30 <https://tinyurl.com/5f2cbm3y>*

#### Sunday Afternoon and Evening Bible Classes @ the Building

*1:30 PM, Genesis (see Grant Mulligan)*

*5 PM, Praying the Psalms (Auditorium)*

#### Additional Classes

High School Class, 5 PM on Sundays @ David & Christie Posey’s home

Young people monthly meeting (middle school): contact David Sanderson

([david.r.sanderson@intel.com](mailto:david.r.sanderson@intel.com)) or Seth Reagan ([sethreagan@gmail.com](mailto:sethreagan@gmail.com))

**There are several on-going Bible classes in the homes of members.**

**Check with David Posey, Len Baker or one of the elders.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Men’s Bible Study: 7 to 8 AM

Bel Air Market on Bidwell in Folsom. “Iron sharpens iron” (Proverbs 27:17). Mentoring (Titus 2:1-6).

### Wednesday 7 PM @ Building

Same classes as Sunday, 9:30 AM

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# The Need For Patience

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**J**esus told His disciples, “In your patience possess your souls” (Luke 21:19). Is there something here for me?

To “possess” here means to “gain” or to “win” and refers to the preservation or saving of the soul. In the immediate context it may have reference to escaping alive out of the destruction of Jerusalem, for that was under direct consideration. But careful study of the word “patience” will convince us that this is essential to the building of character and eventual salvation of the soul in eternity.

“Patience” gives many the idea of repose calmly, even stoically waiting for the traffic light to turn green. But this is not its real meaning. Coming from a word meaning “to abide under” it more nearly corresponds to “steadfastness” or “endurance”

or our coined word “stickability.” In the larger sense, we can save our souls only by being faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)

Patience is a virtue, added to our character as we grow spiritually (II Peter 1:5-11). It must be developed, built up and strengthened; and this requires exercise. Our physical muscles will not develop properly unless pitted against opposition. We improve flabby muscles by lifting weights, knowing that as we overcome an opposing force we prepare to meet greater future obstacles. Patience needs much the same sort of exercise.

“Consider it a joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials; knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may

be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking in nothing.” (James 1:2-4, NASB).

These verses refer not to the temptations that are due to man’s own lust but to *external* trials that discourage, dismay and trouble us. These trials affect a living, pulsing, vital faith that is made stronger, more mature in nature and character, as its sinews flex to meet the challenges of life.

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Patience is not the brute strength to “take” punishment, nor a “thick skin” that may indicate only an insensitive nature. “For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.” (I Peter 2:20) When our sense of justice is outraged; when we are reviled, and our in-

stinct leaps to fight a carnal battle, then patience is taxed. Remember, “When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (I Peter 2:23).

By “patient continuance in well doing” we shall find eternal life. We must “hear the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.” It is with patience we must “run the race that is set before us.” (Romans 2:7; Luke 8:15; Hebrews 12:1)

How challenging the words, “IN YOUR PATIENCE POSSESS YOUR SOULS.”

## A Homemaker's Take On I Corinthians 13

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper... not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness... not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.

Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window.

Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk.

Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.

Love is present through the trials.

Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive.

Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler; runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood.

Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart.

Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love.

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WHIT SASSER'S "EXHORTATIONS & STUFF"

## About the church of Christ at Folsom

We are a church of Christ patterned after the New Testament example of local churches. We believe in the authoritative word of God and will provide you with a Bible answer for everything we do in our doctrine and practice. We exalt Jesus Christ and seek to glorify Him, not ourselves (Ephesians 3:21). Therefore, our efforts are directed toward promoting commitment to Christ, not to any man or institution (I Corinthians 2:5).

Our assemblies are simple. We sing without use of an instrument (see Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; we will be happy to show you why we use no instrument, if you desire further study on this issue). We pray (I Timothy 2:1), partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7) and teach from God's word. All preaching comes from the Bible.

The financial support of this congregation comes entirely from the freewill offerings of its members made on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7). We never solicit funds from non-members. Contributions are used for the spiritual growth of this church and for the support of three men here and several men in other areas who are preaching the gospel. We do not use money collected here for social programs or the support of any human institution. We believe the church itself can do all the work God has given it to do and we aim to do all the work and *only* the work God has given it to do — teach the gospel, build up the members, and help needy Christians. All other "good work" is the responsibility of individual Christians (Titus 2:11-14; James 1:27; Galatians 6:9-10).

We offer personal Bible studies at your convenience. We are here to help you with your spiritual needs: please favor us with a request for a Bible study or correspondence course that you can complete at your own pace. If you would like a personal study, speak to the preacher, David Posey, and he will see that one is arranged. Or contact him at (530) 558-5057 or email at [dpaulposey@mac.com](mailto:dpaulposey@mac.com).