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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Remember when you were a child and your mom took you along with her to run errands? She parked in the parking lot of the grocery store and said, “Stay here. I will only be gone a minute.” The ten minutes she was in the store seemed like ten hours.

As an adult you go to the doctor. Your appointment is, let’s say, 2:00 p.m. You arrive at 1:45 p.m. because they told you to. You are in the waiting room until 2:45 p.m. You are taken into the examining room after the nurse takes your weight. In the examining room the nurse takes your blood pressure, pulse, and temperature. The nurse goes over your medications. Then the nurse gets up to leave and says, “The doctor will be right in.” It is now 3:00 p.m. Fifteen to twenty minutes later the doctor walks in. You have your visit with him that lasts about 20 minutes. So, it is 3:30 or later when you finally leave the doctor’s office. You were there an hour and a half for a 15-20 minute visit. The time waiting seemed like an eternity. There was nothing really to do. The TV in the waiting room had medical stuff on it. The magazines in the examining room were from 1995. Hurry up and wait.

God is never in a hurry, but He is always on time. By looking at different things we know that statement is true. Seasons come and go just as the Lord said to Noah. Nations rise and fall according to God’s wise will. When the time was just right, God sent His Son into the world to serve as our Savior. God’s wisdom and love and timing are impeccable in our lives. Too bad we forget to wait for the Lord. We want God to follow our schedule. We need to learn to wait for Him and follow His schedule.

The prophet Isaiah wrote in his 30<sup>th</sup> chapter, the 18<sup>th</sup> verse: *“Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!”*

“Blessed are all who wait for Him!” God wants to be gracious to us. He wants to show compassion to us. And He did just that when He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to lead a perfect in our place, to suffer and die on the cross, to be punished for all of our sins, and rise from the dead to guarantee all of God’s promises and to prove our forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. And now the heavenly Father is holding back the time when Jesus will come back to judge the living and the dead. The heavenly Father is doing that out of love and compassion. He is giving this old world and each individual to repent of their sins, cling to Jesus for forgiveness and be saved from an eternity in hell.

We do forget to wait for the Lord, don’t we? We want everything done for us by God or given to us by God yesterday. We want God to be on our schedule instead of His. When it comes to our life, our eternal salvation, our efforts in serving Him, the end of the world, for perfect health in heaven, we can do nothing better than wait for the Lord. The Lord’s timing is always, always impeccable.

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***Prayer:*** *Thank You, Lord, for Your perfect timing. Help me to be more patient and wait for You. Amen.*

...See you in worship.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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