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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

2 Pt. 3:9 *The LORD is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* **(NIV)**

I know I say this a lot, but this verse today is in my top ten favorite verses of all time. Why? Because I believe it encapsulates the very love of God. First of all, we must ask ourselves: what is this promise? It is certainly the fact that the LORD has provided the Lamb that covers our sins. **1 John 2:2** *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.* (**NIV**) Our God has paid our sin debt so that we can have complete forgiveness for our sins and enjoy perfect fellowship with Him forever. This is the redemption story of our Father.

Aren't you glad that our LORD is patient? He could clearly have brought His fury down upon us at any time. He could have said that enough was enough. But He is patient. He is waiting for you and for anyone else who has not believed. His timing is always perfect. And so, He waits. Waiting for anyone who will come to Him. Waiting for all to repent and turn to His salvation. Sometimes, I am so very impatient. Do you ever have the thought: what are you waiting for?

He does not want anyone to perish. Not anyone. Not you, not me, not our family, not our friends, not our enemies, not anyone! Our LORD loves every single person in this world more than we could ever imagine. Have you received His love gift of salvation? Have you trusted Him as your Savior? Have you made Him LORD of your life? If you are reading this today, it is not too late. Turn to Him now. He is patient. He is waiting for you. He loves you.

Dear LORD, I pray that someone today will read these words and realize that You have been waiting just for them. I pray that they will call upon You for their forgiveness and salvation. I pray that this will be the first day of their brand-new life with You. In Jesus Name, Amen