

Series: American Idols

**The American Idol Named “Now”
Romans 5:3-4**

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1. The problem we face with the god “now” is compounded by the fact that many of us spend our time in the waiting room.
 - a. The waiting room is not an enjoyable place to be. Someone is sick or hurt. It can be lonely. There is stress and sorrow.
 - b. That is especially true when we spend our time in God’s waiting room.
2. Most of us have bowed down to the idol named “now.”
 - a. The fact that God makes us wait does not mean that God is upset with us.
 - b. Waiting is one of God’s ways for promoting growth.
3. I want to give you a few insights into what the Bible says about waiting for God.
 - I. The Idol “Now” Offers Instant Gratification.
 - A. We live in a time of instant gratification.
 - B. Even if the “now” god saves us time, can it save our soul?
 - II. Wrestling with Our “Wait Problem.”
 - A. Some of us are continually wrestling with a “wait problem.”
 - B. Some want to live by sight rather than live by faith.
 1. “Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:14
 - III. How Do We Wait Patiently On the Lord?
 - A. First, we wait Patiently.
 1. “And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope.” Romans 5:3-4
 - B. Second, we wait Expectantly.
 - C. Finally, we wait on God Faithfully.
 1. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12:1

“Those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weary.” Isaiah 40:31