Learning How to W-A-I-T

- **⇒ Text**: Psalm 27:14
- ⇒ Intro:
 - o Waiting can be most difficult.
 - o It tries and tests the caliber of our faith.
 - o Therefore, Christians need to learn how to wait.
 - o This morning let us together from the very words of God Learn How to wait upon the Lord.
- ⇒ 1. W-ork While You Wait
 - o See Luke 2:49
 - o A. Someone has said that the secret of being patient is doing something else in the meantime.
 - o B. Jesus came to die on the cross for our sins, but while he was waiting he healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and for gave sins.
 - o C. We should work while we wait also-lend a helping hand, give a smile, speak a kind word, witness of Christ whenever opportunity knocks
 - See Heb. 10:36

⇒ 2. A-ccept While You Wait

- o See Matthew 26:39
- o A. In Christ's most excruciating hour, he accepted the Father's will, not his own.
 - We must do likewise.
- o B. When we surrender ourselves to God's will unreservedly, the Holy Spirit cleanses and fills us with divine love.
- o C. The totally committed are empowered for service, enabling them to accept and wait patiently for God's way, will, and time
 - See Psalm 40: 1.

⇒ 3. I-nspire While You Wait

- o See Matt. 5:16
- o A. Sometimes Christians lack patience.
 - Their impatience brings defeat to themselves, discouragement to others, and displeasure to God.

- o B. Instead of inspiring others they, blame others, and sometimes God, for their predicament.
- o C. We must wait in faith, inspiring, lifting, and encouraging others.
 - When we do, we will discover that we have been lifted and inspired in the process.

⇒ 4. T-rust While You Wait

- o See Isaiah 26:3
- o A. Waiting can be difficult for those who fail to trust God.
 - They lack the full assurance and confidence that he knows best and that he is working everything together for their good (Rom. 8:28).
- o B. God has a purpose in what he allows to happen to his children.
 - We must trust him not only during times of success and prosperity, but also during times of failure and adversity.
- o C. God can bring joy out of sorrow, light out of darkness, his appointment out of our disappointment.
 - The best is yet to come when you trust and obey God while you wait
 - See Psalm 37 **⋬** 5 7

⇔ Conclusion:

- o We have seen this morning how we as Christians should wait upon the Lord.
 - W-ork while you wait.
 - A-ccept while you wait.
 - I-spire while you wait.
 - T-rust while you wait.