Paul in his letter to the Romans, teaches the necessity of six steps of obedience to the good news preached by Jesus...

The passages below contain Paul's words in Romans, and the words of Jesus in the four gospels. Check them out in your own Bible.

1. Hearing Christ's word  
   (Romans 10:8-17, Matthew 7:24).

2. Believing — having faith  
   (Romans 1:16-17, John 3:16)

3. Repentance from sin  
   (Romans 2:4-5, 6:1-2, Luke 5:31-32)

4. Confessing Christ  
   (Romans 10:8-10, Matthew 10:32)

5. Being baptized  
   (Romans 6:3-4, Mark 16:15-16)

6. Ongoing commitment  

There's an obvious connection between love and patience or love and longsuffering.

Paul, in his poem about love, says, "Love is patient, love is kind..." or "Love suffers long and is kind" (1Co 13:4).

That is hard to argue with, isn't it? You and I know full well that love makes for patience, and patience is an expression of love. People who love each other are much more likely to be patient with each other.

So this lesson is about the obvious. "Why bother stating the obvious?" I hear you ask. Well because most of us do not consistently practice the obvious as we ought.

Paul sums up the attitude of patience and love in this way: "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, show forbearance to one another in love... Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (Eph 4:2, Col 3:12). These verses are the basis for our lesson.