

What IS Your Level Of Expectation

Rom 8:18-19, 24-26 - Present Suffering and Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that our **present sufferings** are not worth comparing with **the glory** that will be revealed in us.

- Paul writing to the Christians in Rome
- Telling them **DON'T** lose heart!!
- Outwardly-dieing / inwardly – being renewed!!!!!!

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager **expectation** for the children of God to be revealed.

- Sin has caused **ALL creation to fall** from the perfect state in which God created it!
- So the world is **subject to frustration**, bondage and decay!
Don't forsake your eternal reward because of the intensity of today's pain...
- One day **all the creation will be liberated & transformed....**
- **Christians see the world as it is...**
- Physically **decaying**..... Spiritually **infected with sin**.....

24 For **in this hope** we were saved. But **hope that is seen is no hope at all**. Who hopes for what they already have?

25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, **we wait for it patiently**.

- We as children of God **place our confidence** in God's goodness & Wisdom!
- While we can be confident of our salvation.....
- We look forward to and **Expect** complete change.....
- A New Body, when we will be **Christ like!!!!!!!**

26 In the same way, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness**. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us** through wordless groans.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to **intercede** for you; In **Expectancy** with **God's will!!!!!!!**
Apart from Faith, we have NO hope in life!!!!!!!
- **Our talk** is affected by what we are.
- **Our emotions** are governed by our limited understanding.
- **Our Spirits** cry out to God out of sincere desire to Know Him.

***The level that we know Him, understand Him, experience Him,
Comes from the Level of Expectation we have for Him.***

If you want to see **blinded eyes open** – You must have an **expectation!!!!**

If you want to see **cancer healed** – You must have an **expectation!!!!!!**

If you want to see **drug addicts delivered** – You must have an **expectation!!!!!!!**

If you want to see **depression flee** – You must have an **expectation!!!!!!!**

Phil. 1:20-21 – Paul’s Chains Advance The Gospel

***Paul is letting them in Philippi know- there is Joy in Suffering**

***We are to take Christ’s attitude in serving others**

20 I eagerly **expect and hope** that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always **Christ will be exalted in my body**, whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, **to live is Christ** and to die is gain.

- To those who **Don’t believe** in God.....
- **Life on earth is all there is!!!!!!**
- It’s **Natural** for them to **strive for this world’s values.....**
- Money, Power, Popularity, Pleasure and Prestige!!!!!!

Eternal Values is what Paul was after.....

- Paul said **my expectation** and **my hope will be found in Christ Jesus.**
- I may live or I might die,
- but when it’s all said and done,
- I found my Hope In Him...
- Removed from **Worldly Troubles!!!!!!**

In our scripture text, Paul was telling the church at Rome,

- **If you can see it, then it’s not Hope!**
- Hope is seeing things **as they can be!**
- Hope is seeing things **as they should be!**
- Hope is seeing things **as an expectation** that the **Power of God** has made a way.

Devote your life to what really counts, W/out Fear of Death!!!!

Blind Bartimaeus

- **His Expectation** was **to receive His sight.**
- **His level of expectation** can be seen in Mark 10

Mark 10:46-52

46 Jesus and his disciples, were leaving Jericho, together with a large crowd, a blind man, Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside begging.

47 When he **heard** that it was Jesus of Nazareth, **he began to shout**, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

- Immediately **his level of expectation** was heightened.
- **He knew** that Jesus could Heal Him,
- So He had to get to Jesus. **YOU GOT TO GET TO HIM!!!!**

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but **he shouted all the more**, “Son of David, **have mercy on me!**”

- **The level was so High** that nobody could keep Him quite.
- Nobody could keep Him down. **NOBODY SHOULD SHUT YOU DOWN!!!**
- Blind Bart knew that **he could miss his chance=**
- If he did not act out **His expectation**. **EXPECT!!!!!!**

49 Jesus stopped and said, “**Call him.**”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

50 Throwing his cloak aside, **he jumped to his feet** and came to Jesus.

- **Out of expectation**,
- He casted away a garment that **he had worn all his life**,
- That **marked him** as a blind beggar. **Cast OFF your Generational Curses!!!**

Today I am preaching to **somebody**,

- That needs to just **get rid of** the garment. **THROW IT OFF!!!!**
- Somebody needs to **get a higher level of expectancy**. **GO HIGHER!!!!**

51 “**What do you want** me to do for you?” **Jesus asked** him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, **I want to see.**”

52 “**Go,**” said Jesus, “**your faith has healed you.**” **Immediately** he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

- **Jesus said, YOUR expectancy has made you whole.....**

Do you **come to church expecting** God to show up and show out in and **on your behalf!!!!**

Upper Room - Acts 2:1-4

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were **all together** in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them.

- **Tongues symbolize speech & the communication of the gospel!!!!**

⁴ All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- From **their expectation** there was another **expectation**...It was like wildfire.
- Fire symbolizes **God's purifying Presence**....
- Burns away the **undesirable elements**....
- **Set's our hearts aflame: to ignite the hearts of others!!!!**

Acts 2:14-18

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, **raised his voice** and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

¹⁵ **These people are not drunk**, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

¹⁶ No, **this is what was spoken** by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'In the last days, **God says,**
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters **will prophesy**,

your young men **will see visions**,

your old men **will dream dreams**.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and **they will prophesy**.

- Poured Out = gave Jesus the authority to send the Holy Spirit!!!!
- Peter **received the Holy Ghost after sitting in expectation** from the words of Jesus.

*God made **His presence known** to this group of Believers....

***Are you EXPECTING** God to reveal Himself to you???????

Now Peter is doing what Jesus did.

- He is **preaching the Kingdom things** to men.....
- Who didn't have the same **expectation** as they did!!!!!!
- **It's amazing that when the Spirit is working,**
- **The level of expectation begins to grow!!!!!!!!**
- The more Spirit working in the church, **the more to expect!!!!**
- **Souls are saved out of expectation!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Acts 2:37-41

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, **what shall we do?**”

³⁸ Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. **And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

³⁹ **The promise is for you** and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “**Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.**”

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about **three thousand** were added to their number that day.

- **What shall we do?????**
- This is the basic question we should ask...
- We must **LIVE** like forgiven people....

Out of Peter preaching about Jesus,

- **there was a level of expectation** that.....
- Caused 3000 to be added to the 120 that was in the upper room...

To “My Church” - Members

- We are not to accept **what has been happening**.....
- WE are to come with a **high level of Expectation!!!!!!**
- We are to **Live** like a forgiven person.....
- We are to **expect** like were children of the King.....

****Deliverance from any situation, any disease, any bad circumstance, usually is experienced after you have an experience of dissatisfaction.**

- When are you going to be **tired of depression**
- When are you going to be **tired of sin**
- When are you going to be **tired of sickness**
- When are you going to be **tired of the devil's lies**
- When are you going to be **tired of being the same day after day.**

It's time that **some of you get life.**

- It's time that some of you get **tired of living in Hell** and
- Get an **expectation of living in Christ.**

Jesus is **prosperous.** Jesus is **life.** Jesus is **hope.** Jesus is **love.** Jesus is **joy.** Jesus is **peace.**

*****If you want this in your life, then move your level of expectation!**

Some of us are living at the **same level for so many years,**

- We have gotten used to staying there
- You're living off of **what other people give you!**
- It's time that you **be the one who shouts.**

- **Don't wait for somebody else**
- We get **caught up into waiting** for somebody else

There's some of you that are **going through some troubles.**

- You are experience **financial problems.**
- You are experiencing **health problems.**
- You are experiencing **Relationship problems.**
- You are experiencing **problems you don't want others to find out about.**

- You might be crying all the time,
- You might be sucking you thumb,
- but **you must desire more** than this,
- because **God functions with desire...**

****If you only desire crumbs,** then you're going to be a crumby person

It's time that we **stop coming to church** with the thought of,

- **"I hope** we have good church."
- *That's spiritual welfare.....*
- You are **expecting the praise and worship team** to rock,
- *Your holding on to spiritual welfare.....*

****You need to make good church****

It's more than crumbs

Matthew 15:26-28 - Jesus sends a demon out of a girl

A Canaanite woman begs Jesus to cast a demon from her Daughter

The Disciples said to send her away

The Woman cry's out and knelt before the Lord....

She said, **LORD HELP ME!!!!!!**

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said. "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, **"Woman, you have great faith!** Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Great is your expectation.

- She was willing to **take whatever he could give**, because
- she knew that **just the crumbs** off what He could give **was more than she had.**

You might be here today and **you need healing** for your body.

- **He offers more than crumbs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You might be here today and **you need the Holy Ghost.**

- **He offers more than crumbs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You might be here today **trapped by an addiction.**

- **He offers more than crumbs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You might be here today and **you feel there is no hope.**

- **He offers more than crumbs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Conclusion

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob Wrestles With God

- Jacob **wrestled with the Angel** of the Lord.
- **Ahead** was the *unknown*.
- **Behind** Him was *a past*.
- Jacob was **consumed with getting the blessing** that *only God could give*.
- He knew that if he could **just get a blessing**, then *everything would be ok...*
- **Jacob was holding on to that angel with expectation...**
- He was not letting him go **until he blessed him**,
- **until he touched him**,
- **until he transformed his life...**
- I want to know, **if there is anybody here today**,
- **that wants the King of the Kingdom to transform their life????**
- Is there anybody here today **that wants to wrestle with God in expectation that he will deliver**.
- Why don't you grab the person's hand next to you and let's leave by way of Altar tonight.