

I CAME EXPECTING!

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-dying / 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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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 today.