

A WONDERFUL EXPECTATION

1 Peter 1:3 All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.

A Wonderful Expectation In Spite Of _____

Matthew 7:24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

Matthew 7:25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock.

Matthew 7:26 But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.

Matthew 7:27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash."

_____ On Wisdom

Job 28:28 And this is what he says to all humanity: 'The fear of the Lord is true wisdom; to forsake evil is real understanding.' "

Proverbs 9:10 Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding.

Proverbs 9:11 Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life.

Proverbs 9:12 If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.

Romans 10:17 Yet faith comes from listening to this message of good news - the Good News about Christ.

Mark 4:23 Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand!

Mark 4:24 And be sure to pay attention to what you hear. The more you do this, the more you will understand - and even more, besides.

Mark 4:25 To those who are open to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But to those who are not listening, even what they have will be taken away from them."

James 1:22 And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself.

James 1:23 For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance.

James 1:24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

James 1:25 But if you keep looking steadily into God's perfect law - the law that sets you free - and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

A Work In Progress

Colossians 2:6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him.

Colossians 2:7 Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.

Colossians 2:8 Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world, and not from Christ.

Hebrews 5:13 And a person who is living on milk isn't very far along in the Christian life and doesn't know much about doing what is right.

Hebrews 5:14 Solid food is for those who are mature, who have trained themselves to recognize the difference between right and wrong and then do what is right.

To Worry

John 16:33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:7 If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 55:22 Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you.

The Work Of Jesus

Psalm 111:10 Reverence for the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. The rewards of wisdom come to all who obey him. Praise his name forever!

Proverbs 10:23 Doing wrong is fun for a fool, while wise conduct is a pleasure to the wise.

Proverbs 10:24 The fears of the wicked will all come true; so will the hopes of the godly.

Proverbs 10:25 Disaster strikes like a cyclone, whirling the wicked away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

Ephesians 2:20 We are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

Ephesians 2:21 We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

To Work With Others

Galatians 6:2 Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:3 If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.

Galatians 6:4 Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.

Galatians 6:5 For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Willingly

Psalm 33:20 We depend on the LORD alone to save us. Only he can help us, protecting us like a shield.

Psalm 33:21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we are trusting in his holy name.

Psalm 33:22 Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.

Psalm 64:10 The godly will rejoice in the LORD and find shelter in him. And those who do what is right will praise him.

Habakkuk 3:17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,

Habakkuk 3:18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.

Romans 5:2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

Romans 5:3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us - they help us learn to endure.

Romans 5:4 And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.

Romans 5:5 And this expectation will not disappoint us. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Philippians 4:4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice!