

What We Can Expect

John 16:33

Introduction:

- A. Jesus wants all prospective followers to know what to expect. (cf. Lk. 9:57-58)
 - 1. Anticipation of pleasant things encourages faithfulness.
 - 2. Anticipation of unpleasant things prevents disillusionment.
- B. Let us look at our assured expectations Christians.

Discussion:

I. We Can Expect *Precepts* to Obey.

- A. Obedience is proof of love. (John 14:15; 1 Jno. 5:3).
- B. Obedience is for every phase of life.
 - 1. Worship (John 4:24; cf Matt. 15:9).
 - 2. Entire manner of life. (Tit. 2:11,12).

II. We Can Expect *Problems* to Overcome.

- A. With self. (1 Cor. 9:27).
- B. With world.
 - 1. Its opposition. (John 15:18,19).
 - 2. Its allurements. (1 John 2:15,16).
 - 3. Its common dangers. (2 Cor. 11:24-28).
- C. With brethren. (Gal. 1:6; 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Cor. 11:19).

III. We Can Expect *Privileges* to Enjoy.

- A. Great and precious promises. (2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Tim. 4:8).
 - 1. For the life that now is.
 - a. A living. (Matt. 6:33).
 - b. Peace. (Phil. 4:6-9).
 - c. Help. (Heb. 4:16; cf. 2 Cor. 12:9; 1 Cor. 10:13).
 - 2. For the life that is to come. (Rom. 8:18; 1 John 2:25).
- B. All spiritual blessings. (Eph. 1:3).
 - 1. Forgiveness. (Col. 1:14; cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16; Heb. 10:1-2).
 - 2. Sonship. (Gal. 3:27).
 - 3. Fellowship with Deity and saints. (1 John 1:3,5-7).
 - 4. Membership in church. (Acts 20:28; Heb. 12:22-24; Eph. 5:23).
 - 5. Hope (Heb. 6:19).

Conclusion:

- A. Why not be Christian and:
 - 1. Obey the precepts.
 - 2. Overcome the problems.
 - 3. Enjoy the privileges.