

The Power of Expectancy

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Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:1 KJV

Another word for faith is expectation

According to Oxford Dictionaries Expectation is defined as “a strong belief that something will happen or be the case”

Sometimes unexpected things happen, even with the things of God, but those are rarities.

The scripture declares without faith it is impossible to please God

Without the expectation that God will...

Expectancy requires waiting in anticipation with a firm foundation and trust that what I expect to happen will certainly, without a doubt, happen.

Let's look at some of the expectancy that we can partake of without fear that it will not come to pass

1 - To receive the Holy Ghost

The infilling of the Holy Ghost is a promise

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

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The word is promise

The word promise only is in effect after one is baptized

The record of the scripture is that people received the Holy Ghost before being baptized

Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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But even tho these received the HG they were still commanded to be baptized in the name of the Lord

Some receive the HG without the benefit of the promise, but many many more receive the HG with the promise

Because with that promise, if grasped properly, comes with an air of expectancy

What do I mean if grasped properly?

The promise moves into the arena from hope to expectancy

One can hope to receive the HG, but that's not the same as EXPECTING to receive the HG

When the seeker comes to the realization it is a promise and not just a hope the expectancy changes from I hope God will to I receive it

2 - To be renewed in the Holy Ghost

Titus 3:5

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

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Also involved in both the initial filling of the HG and subsequent renewals or refillings of the HG is the promise given by MERCY

I dont know if the sufficiently grasp the mercies of God

Baptism in all its forms past present is mentioned 77x in the NT

Mercy in all its forms is over 300x in the entire bible

As human beings we struggle with iniquity, but mercy combined with TRUTH is a powerful combination

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

Prov 16:6 KJV

Together MERCY and TRUTH purges iniquity

The funny thing is people can reject truth

The Pharisees rejected truth in John 8:45 where Jesus told them I tell you the truth and you believe me not

In Galatians 4:16 Paul told them have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

But truth received combined with the mercy of God purges iniquity

Prov 28:13

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

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You will never prosper in God covering and hiding your sins

Confession and forsaking them though is powerful because it brings the mercy of God

One way to bring the mercy of God into your life is to quit covering your sins and instead begin to confess them to God and forsake them

It's by the mercy of God you can receive both the initial infilling and subsequent renewals of the HG

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Ps 103:8 KJV

Ps 103:17-18

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

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