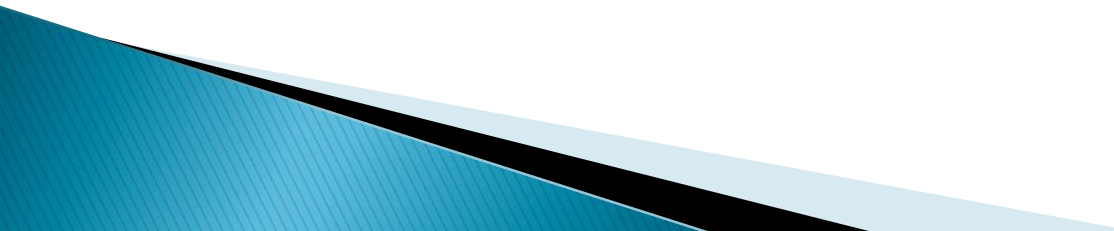


# Expectation of Salvation

- ▶ Father, you called me out of darkness into your light to be like your son Jesus, please help me become like Him because I want to!
  - ▶ I therefore declare that nothing shall stop me from becoming like Jesus!
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# The Expectations of salvation

John 3:3 (TPT).

Jesus answered, “Nicodemus, listen to this eternal truth: Before a person can **even perceive God’s kingdom**, they must first experience a rebirth.”

The birth of a baby is preceded by parent’s expectations of a bright future for the new born.

# Expectation...

- ▶ Born: gennao (Gk)–to bring forth
- ▶ Again: anothen (Gk) anew.
  
- ▶ Spiritual birth that has never occur before!
- ▶ It changes your physical and spiritual destiny
- ▶ Rom 3:23 (NLT).
- ▶ For **everyone has sinned**; we **all** fall short of God's glorious standard through Christ

# Expectation

- ▶ Genetic disposition of a new born leans toward growth...
- ▶ God's expectations of His children is to be like Jesus.

Our ultimate destiny is become like our master: Jesus the Christ... so lets grow.

Rom 8:16–17...heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ

# Expectation...

- ▶ Heb 5:12–14 (TPT)
- ▶ 12For you should already **be professors (drs., masters, teachers...)** instructing others by **now**; but instead, you need to be taught from the beginning the **basics of God's prophetic oracles!** You're like children still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food.

# Expectation...

- ▶ 13. For every **spiritual infant who lives on milk** is not yet pierced by the revelation of righteousness.

# Expectation...

- ▶ 14. But **solid food is for the mature**, whose **spiritual senses perceive *heavenly matters***. And they have been **adequately trained** by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is **truly excellent** and what is **evil and harmful**.

# Professors, doctors, masters...

- ▶ To be teachers: in my opinion means be prepared to impact the lives of **others** positively for the kingdom
- ▶ 2 Tim 2:15 (AMP)
- ▶ **Study *and* do your best** (Holy Spirit helps here...) **to present yourself to God approved,** a workman [tested by trial] who has **no reason to be ashamed**, accurately handling *and* skillfully teaching the word of truth



# Expectation...

- ▶ You have **been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others**. Instead, you need someone to teach you **again** the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. Heb 5:12 NLT.
- ▶ Is it possible to be saved for 30 years or more and still be an infant...?

# Expectation...

- ▶ For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right (NLT).
- ▶ **But...**
- ▶ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. 1 Cor 13:11 (NLT).

# Hinderances to growth

- ▶ 1. Not confident in the Word so ashamed of the gospel. Rom 1:16, 2Tim 2:15
- ▶ 2. Lack of knowledge... lack of utilization of the word, hence their senses have not been exercised enough to discern between good and evil. Heb 5:14–NKJV. Hosea 4:6 (...destroyed for lack of knowledge).
- ▶ 3. Not fully yielded to the Lord. Prov. 3:5–6

# Hindrances to growth

- ▶ 5. Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
- ▶ do not depend on your own understanding.
- ▶ 6. Seek his will in all you do,
- ▶ and he will show you which path to take.
- ▶ Prov. 3:5–6 (NLT)
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# Hindrances to growth

- ▶ 4. Takes God for granted and do what they want... with the hope of waiting to go to heaven
- ▶ 5. The mindset that “I have done my part for being in church for 30 some years, let someone else do their share”.

# Indications of growth

- ▶ John 21: 18

“I tell you the truth, when you were **young**, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are **old**, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go.”

- ▶ more about the kind of death to glorify God.
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# Indications of growth

1. Those **led by the Spirit!** Rom 8:14 (TPT)
2. **Total dependence on God:** Levi 23–24
3. Stable in our understanding of the things of God and not easily moved. **Eph 4:14** (NLT):  
Then we will no longer be **immature like children**. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth

# Indications of growth...

4. Speaks truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ **Eph 4:15**.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

5. Know what is right from wrong

Rom 12:2





# Indications of growth

- ▶ 2. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- ▶ Rom 12:2

# Matthew 5:16 (TPT)

- ▶ 16 So don't hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that your commendable works will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.”
- ▶ I'll shine my light before people so they would see my good works and give praise to my Father in heaven!!

# Expectation of salvation..

- ▶ WATER BAPTISM today!!!!