

I. Opening Statements

A. Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (YET!)*

B. Romans 8:22-25 (NKJV) – ²²*For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

C. When we are born again, we become a NEW CREATION! (2 Cor 5:17)

D. We are no longer what we used to be.

1. We no longer expect that our life will be exactly as it was prior to salvation.
2. We expect that there will be differences.

E. EXAMPLE: If you upgrade a device, appliance, television, etc., you expect the new model to be different than the old.

1. New technology
2. Better results
3. Upgrades
4. New features

F. The only way we can take advantage of this new technology is to KNOW WHAT WE CAN EXPECT! *If we do not know what to expect we may have it – it may have the potential for it – it may have the ability to do it – but, we will never enjoy it.*

NOTE: *There are many in the body of Christ who have been given a new life, but they are not partaking of the FULL benefits of the NEW PERSON. In many cases, it is because they do not know what to expect from their new/upgraded/recreated SELF.*

II. The new self is more than just being re-created for eternity in heaven.

A. Paul's Prayer for Revelation

Ephesians 1:15-18 (NKJV) – ¹⁵*Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,* ¹⁶*do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:* ¹⁷*that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,* ¹⁸*the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints***

“That you may know what is the HOPE of His calling”.

1. *His calling – is called into the family, positioned, appointed, saved, a child of God.*
2. *What can I now HOPE FOR (EXPECT) since I am a child of God.*
3. *As the NEW ME, what may I expect to take place in and through me?*
4. *If the only thing you expect – is to get to heaven, that's all you will get.*

The Role of Hope & Expectation

Understanding How Our New Life Works

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5. *Paul is praying that we will come to KNOW everything that we can now expect from the NEW IDENTITY – I’m a “New Model”, the latest, and greatest, with every bell and whistle.*

B. It’s time to “GO ON” to the greater things associated with our new life.

Spiritual Immaturity

1. **Hebrews 5:12-13 (NKJV)** – ¹²*For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*

Too many unskilled people in the body of Christ.

Too many spiritual things we are unskilled in.

2. **Hebrews 6:1-3 (NKJV)** – ¹*Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ²of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³And this we will do if God permits.*

- a. **There are some discussions that we need to leave since we have received the revelation of those basic things that pertain to our new life.**

- b. **“Let us go on!” Move On!**

How many salvation sermons to you need to hear?

How many times do you need to hear sermons on baptism, the resurrection, judgment, etc?

NOTE: There will be times that every believer will hear teaching on these things and can benefit from it. However, if your spiritual diet is limited to these basic instructions, YOU WILL NEVER GROW INTO SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

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3. **Hebrews 6:9-12 (NKJV)** – ⁹But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, **things that accompany salvation**, though we speak in this manner. ¹⁰For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the **full assurance of hope** until the end, ¹²that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises
- a. **Things that accompany salvation:**
 - Things nearby*
 - Neighboring things – closely connected/or associated with.*
 - b. I didn't get it all when I got saved.
 - I did get SPIRITUALLY QUALIFIED for it all.*
 - c. **Philemon 1:6 (NKJV)** – *that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*
 - Philemon 1:6 (AMP)** – *I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective and powerful because of your accurate knowledge of every good thing which is ours in Christ.*
 - d. The New Me
 - Identifies with VICTORY, HEALING, SUCCESS, PROSPERITY, STRENGTH, LOVE, PEACE, JOY, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, and FAITH!*
 - I AM QUALIFIED FOR ALL OF THESE **features in the new me. (BUILT IN UPGRADES!)***
 - e. **Vs 11 – “To the FULL ASSURANCE of HOPE until the end”** *Be diligent to reach to FULL assurance of hope.*
 - **What is the full assurance of hope?**
 - Coming into FULL REALIZATION of everything we have come to EXPECT because of WHO WE ARE in Christ.*
 - **Not coming up short:**
 - Example: The new car that parks itself. If I never use the feature, I never come to full realization/use of the car.*
 - **Become familiar with New Covenant Features**

C. An added perception on understanding knowing the hope of His calling.

1. It is not limited to my personal understanding of what I can expect from the new me.
2. The greater revelation comes when I understand “The Hope of His Calling”, *Not what I may hope for – but – what He hopes for/expects to occur in the new me.*
 - a. **Now that I am new:**
 - *What did God envision when He made the new me?*
 - *What does He see me becoming?*
 - *What does He see me doing?*
 - b. When I can connect, ***HIS EXPECTATION/WITH MY EXPECTATION*** *the fullness of this HOPE and EXPECTATION is set into motion.*

D. God’s Preplanned Course

1. **Romans 9:23-24 (NKJV)** – ²³*and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, ²⁴even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?*
2. **Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)** – *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*
3. **The more I discover “The Hope of His Calling” the more my life is set on HIS COURSE!**
 - a. Through seeking and cooperation, I discover what He expected for my life.
 - b. His expectations become my expectations.
 - c. Now, everything works on my behalf to place me on course/keep me on course – *divine set ups/encounters/relationships/favor – all for my good!*

NOTE: The new me has a built in GPS system – the Holy Spirit guidance system. He now only guides me – but empowers me for the course. God put EVERYTHING in this new me package – *there are no base models! But we have to put the package to use!*

1 Timothy 1:18 (NKJV) – *This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,*