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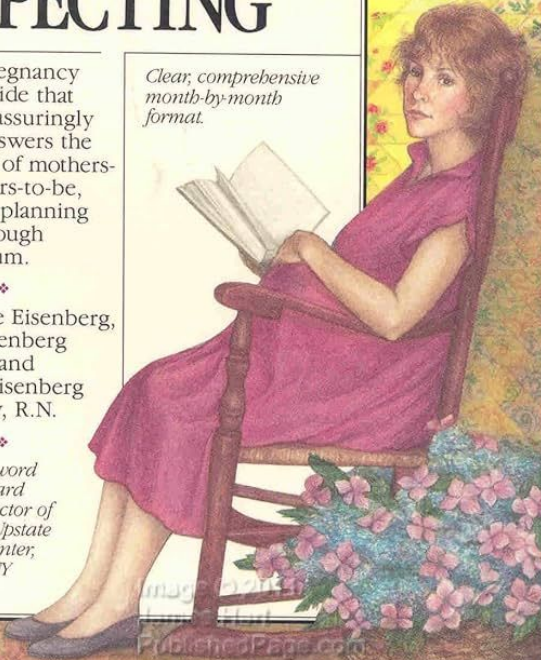
WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING

A pregnancy guide that reassuringly answers the concerns of mothers-and fathers-to-be, from the planning stage through postpartum.

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Week 1: Paul and the Gospel (Ch. 1)

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I am saved. I am born again.

Now what?

Jesus replied,

*“I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,
you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”*

John 3:3 (NLT)

*“Humans can reproduce only human life,
but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.*

*So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be
born again.'”*

John 3:6 (NLT)

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

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God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were.

But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

Romans 5:20 (NLT)

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:21 (NLT)

Well then, (NLT)

or

What shall we say, then? (ESV)

Romans 6:1

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*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that
God can show us more and more of his
wonderful grace?*

Romans 6:1 (NLT)

Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Romans 6:2 (NLT)

*Or have you forgotten that when we were
joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined
him in his death?*

Romans 6:3 (NLT)

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Romans 6:4 (NLT)

*just as Christ was raised from the dead by the
glory of the Father, we too might –*

walk in the newness of life.

Romans 6:4 (ESV)

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*I don't really understand myself,
for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it.
Instead I do what I hate.*

Romans 7:15 (NLT)

*And I know that nothing good lives in me,
that is, in my sinful nature.*

I want to do what is right, but I can't.

Romans 7:18 (NLT)

I want to do what is good, but I don't.

*I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it
anyway.*

Romans 7:19 (NLT)

*I have discovered this principle of life –
that when I want to do what is right,
I inevitably do what is wrong.*

Romans 7:21 (NLT)

I love God's law with all my heart.

*But there is another power within me that is
at war with my mind.*

*This power makes me a slave to the sin that is
still within me.*

Romans 7:22 – 23 (NLT)

*Oh, what a miserable person I am!
Who will save me from this life that is
dominated by sin and death?*

Romans 7:24 (NLT)

Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7:25a (NLT)

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So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

*And because you belong to him,
the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you
from the power of sin that leads to death.*

Romans 8:2 (NLT)

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do.

Romans 8:3 (NLT)

He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Romans 8:3 (NLT)

He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Romans 8:4 (NLT)

*Those who are dominated by the sinful nature
think about sinful things,*

Romans 8:5 (NLT)

*but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit
think about things that please the Spirit.*

Romans 8:5 (NLT)

*So letting your sinful nature control your mind
leads to death.*

Romans 8:6 (NLT)

*But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to
life and peace.*

Romans 8:6 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

Fix your thoughts on

*what is true, and honorable, and right, and
pure, and lovely, and admirable.*

*Think about things that are excellent and
worthy of praise.*

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

*For the sinful nature is always hostile to God.
It never did obey God's laws, and it never will.*

Romans 8:7 (NLT)

*That's why those who are still under the control
of their sinful nature can never please God.*

Romans 8:8 (NLT)

*But you are not controlled by your sinful nature.
You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the
Spirit of God living in you.*

Romans 8:9 (NLT)

(And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Romans 8:9 (NLT)

And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

Romans 8:10 (NLT)

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.

And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

For if you live by its dictates, you will die.

Romans 8:12 – 13 (NLT)

But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

Romans 8:13 (NLT)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22 - 23 (NLT)

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*My old self has been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.
So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the
Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for
me.*

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

*He must become greater and greater,
and I must become less and less.*

John 3:30 (NLT)

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*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ
has become a new person.*

The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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- ★ *You are born again.*
- ★ *Until we die, sinful nature and Spirit will battle against each other.*
- ★ *The battle is in the way you think.*

What to Expect from the Spirit-Controlled Life

- ★ *Beautiful fruit*
- ★ *Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*

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