Expectations of Glory

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INTRODUCTION

- I am alarmed, I get concerned by the number of those who are in Christ, who have little to no assurance about where they are going.
- Perhaps we're focusing solely on a host of things that will keep you out of heaven instead of pursuing diligently the behavior that will welcome you in.

1 Those He Justified, He Glorified

Romans 8:29–30

- It should be a confident expectation of glory.
- Those that he called, he justified. And those that he justified, he glorified. Romans chapter 8 and verse 30.
- The individuals that he foreknew, the individuals that he predestined are those who are conformed to the image of his son.
- Those who are like that, who are conformed to the image of his son, he has glorified them. Period.

2 An Entrance Abundantly Supplied

2 Peter 1:4–11

- Make certain about his calling and choosing you, verse 10. In other words, pursue the course that indicates that you truly belong to him.
- It will be abundantly supplied to you. It's not getting in by the skin of your teeth.
- God throwing open the doors and saying, Come in. Focus on the things that will welcome you in.
- There's a great and vast difference that exists between a confident expectation of glory and an overconfidence that justifies any behavior of which I might want to approve.

3 Do Not Throw Away Your Confidence

- Do not throw away your confidence, your confidence, which has a great reward.
- For you have need of endurance, so that when you've done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
- Imagine a moment like that never ends, is never tainted, is never tarnished, that doesn't go away. Sorrow never follows it. That is glory.
- I'm absolutely certain that most believers do not spend nearly enough time anticipating, longing, and expecting glory.

4 We Know That We Have Passed Out of Death

1 John 3:11–15; 1 John 5:13–15

- We know that we know. It's not, well, I hope we have. Perhaps, possibly. We know that we have passed out of death into life.
- We know that we have passed out of death into life. Because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.
- These things I have written to you, believe in the name of the Son of God in order that you may know, that you may know, that you have eternal life.
- Perhaps some of the problems we have in confident prayer stem out of a lack of confidence in where we're headed.

5 He Who Began a Good Work Will Complete It

Philippians 1:6; Colossians 2:12–13; Romans 8:24–25

- But he says, if any man does sin, it's not the end of the road.
- Philippians chapter 1 and verse 6 says that he who began a good work in you will complete it at the day of Christ.
- How am I going to go to heaven? How is Tony going to make it? My God's going to finish the job.
- For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope.

6 Not Already Perfect, But I Press On

Philippians 3:7–14; Psalm 139:23–24; 2 Peter 1:8

- Not that I've already obtained it, or have already become perfect. But I press on.
- I can't speak confidently of going to heaven because I haven't got everything worked out.
- But even the apostle Paul says, I'm not there yet. There are still things to pursue.
- Look, you keep pressing on, and you say, I'm going to glory.

THE CHALLENGE

Can you confidently say you are in Christ Jesus? Are you progressing toward the mark?

MY NOTES