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## What's Expected

What should we as Christians should be doing in these times? As these days grow darker and increasingly rejects Christ and genuine Christianity, we who wish to get into the kingdom must know what God wants us to do. What does God expect of us, we who are determined no matter what comes, to get into God's kingdom and avoid his holy wrath, which I bear witness, is coming to this world and will usher in what can only be termed a series of 'extinction level' events on earth. They have all been recorded for us before hand in the books of Matthew (Chapter 24) and Revelation, as well as Daniel, Zechariah, Joel, Habbakuk and the other major and minor prophets.

Those of us who know the Lord understand just how dangerous these times are. We see how the world, morally speaking, is undergoing the 'boiling frog' approach to greater and greater wickedness<sup>1</sup>. Slowly but surely, immorality is growing and making its mark all over America, including many of her so called 'churches'. God's holy Church (as opposed to the unholy imitation that are deceiving millions) is designed to be an example of holy living, righteousness, and honor to the creator of all things. God has laid out his commandments (yes, another word for demands) on his people *if they want to remain his people*.

## Son and Heirs

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have an inheritance with God. We are God's heirs. When we truly (as opposed to spuriously) come to Christ and are truly born again, we enter into a new family. We leave the family of darkness, which is ruled by the Prince of darkness and come into the family of God, through the atoning work of Jesus Christ. When we are born again and have our sins washed away in the blood of Christ and thus, we are no longer prisoners of the devil but free men and women in Christ. We obtain a new father and a new inheritance. As what? Son's of God. This is an issue I have talked about recently and it is an important one. Before anyone jettisons their faith, let them

know that with that *faith in Christ comes an inheritance of great reward*, provided we walk uprightly, obey God's commandments and faint not in the race for God's reward for those who faithfully serve him.

But we must remember that with all son's there is what is known as a training period, a time to grow up and learn the things your father expects of you. Often this comes in the form of a tutor or back in the olden days a governess. This person guided the young in the things expected. This is also not at all unlike the old boarding schools for young women; they learned those things that were expected of ladies who were to take their places in certain social circles.

What he wants of us can be summed up like this, he wants our lives to be an imitation of Christ's. Jesus' life was the model for all true believers. Brothers, this is a great mystery that is revealed in one of the least loved (and read) books of the New Testament. The book of Hebrews.

*But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, **sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?***

*(Heb 1:13-14)*

*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience **inherit the promises.***

*(Heb 6:12)*

*Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, **and heirs of the kingdom** which he hath promised to them that love him?*

*(Jam 2:5)*

The book of Hebrews sets out the whole plan of salvation, Christ's sufficiency in that process and how Christ was the fulfillment of the Old Testament law. Why? So that we could inherit the promises. This inheritance is most important and we must show that we are worthy heirs to such a wonderful inheritance. This is one reason why there is such difficulty (work, faith, toil) to obtain this gift. Receiving it, is of course, the free gift of God, but as anyone who has walked with God a while knows, keeping it can sometimes be a completely different matter.

This imitation of Christ is meant to help us be molded into his image so that we can indeed take our place as God's sons and daughters and eventually co-rulers with Christ, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This is indeed our inheritance, it is a mighty one and one that we dare not ignore or fritter away as did Esau, who sold his inheritance for a bowl of portage.

We must hold the God we serve in the highest esteem and with it, the inheritance that he

has prepared for those that love him. This means not just honoring God with our lips, but more importantly with our deeds, yes and even with the work that we do. We should be good stewards of what he has given us and use all to his glory. As the angels in heaven praise God, so should our lives and lips give honor to him who made all things. Yet on the reverse side, the simplicity of living the way God expects can be expressed in the book of Micah.

*He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?  
(Micah 6:8, KJV)*

One thing I want to stress to all who reads this, God is just. Let not the fact that the world system is unjust, wicked and perverted get you to thinking God is not just. While satan is the prince of this world, injustice, violence and deceit are the watchword for those who hold the reigns of power. Often those who hold power are filled with arrogance, pride and care little for justice. But these are not the traits of God, or of those who are heirs to his kingdom. Rather, they are the traits of those who are still bound in sin and are servants in the devil's kingdom.

*Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.  
(Heb 12:16-17)*

*Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as **being heirs together of the grace of life**; that your prayers be not hindered. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:  
(1Pe 3:7-8)*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**  
(1Pe 1:3-5)*

## **God's Traits**

What does a son of God look like? What kinds of traits does he possess? These are some of the most important questions a true child of God can ask? In short, what is it that God expects of me as his son or daughter? Let me put the question to you in a less positive light. Those individuals who do not begin to really display those qualities and deeply

yearn for them are not on their way to heaven. Say what you will, but a born again Christian has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him or her and he will place these desires deep within the new Christian. If there is no change without, there has almost certainly been no change within.

### **Love**

*First and foremost, God is love. He loves people. He loves us even when we sin. It was God who saved mankind even when we were yet sinners and in rebellion against him. He loved us so much he sent his Son down to die in our place. Brothers, that is love. We must show love towards all men, even those who do not love us. Even to those who may hate us for our faith in Christ. A true Christian wants to save the lost (including Muslims), not kill them.*

### **Mercy**

*Any Christian who does not have this trait has forgotten that he has been saved himself from his former sins. Take pity on others who have problems, be gracious when someone hurts you. Be kind to those less fortunate than yourself. Be merciful as your father in heaven is merciful.*

### **Peaceful**

*God loves peace. He loves peaceful, humble people who go about their business with honesty, hard work, integrity, minding ones own business and showing consideration towards others. By contrast God's people are never loud boisterous, unruly or are 'bad neighbors'.*

### **Honest/Reliable**

*A true Christian's word can be relied upon. When they say they are going to do something, they do it. They don't make excuses or conveniently 'forget'. They mimic their father whose word is always sure and can be relied upon to be kept. This goes in all of their affairs; business, personal and religious. It is one reason why divorce is such a major sin. It has a great deal to do with keeping ones word both to God and the person one is married to. A person who files for divorce on grounds other than fornication is simply put, an oath breaker, a liar and one who can, quite frankly, **never** be trusted. I know this is not what many want to hear and will send many away, but there it is. When you give your word, especially in a vow of marriage, **you had better keep it**. For those who leave their wives or husbands, not only will your sins will be counted against you, but so will those of your spouse. (Matt 5:32). Honesty and reliability even and especially when the going gets rough is a trait that God shows towards us and we must manifest towards one another.*

### **Just**

*God is just and his true people love justice. They genuinely recoil at injustices and wrongs done to anyone. They do not rejoice when someone goes to jail for a crime they did not commit, or is blamed for something they did not do. God's true people will strive for justice and not sit silent when grave wrongs are being done.*

## ***Holiness***

*This includes a disdain and hatred of evil and sin. This does not mean we hate sinners, of which we all are, but for those things that God hates. We must be holy for God is holy (1Pet 1:16).*

Do you manifest these qualities in your life? If you don't strive for them, ask God to instill these things in you so that you may be accounted worthy to receive the inheritance that God has prepared for those that love him.

For example, in matters of sexual immorality, it was first fornication, then follows that adultery is OK, followed by child molestation (yes some in the world are actually calling for its legalization), then followed by rape (in some places marital rape is not prosecuted as a crime), followed by...

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