



Expecting Signs & Wonders
Part 1: Expecting Power over Sin
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Discussion Question: What is the greatest miracle you have ever seen? Where does the forgiveness of sin rank in your life?

Expectation is something that we live with every day. Most expectations are positive, but some are negative. Most negative expectations are based in fear.

An expectation is simply a strong belief that something will happen, or someone will or should achieve something. Past experiences assist us in expectations.

Psalms 62:5 *"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."* [KJV]

Herein lies the great truth for those who follow Christ. Our expectations is from HIM...not from me to HIM but true expectation (hope) finds its source in HIM.

Psalms 62:1 *"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation."* [KJV]

The First Expectation I want to address as we move toward Easter is Expecting Power Over Sin
 Acts 5:31 *"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."* [KJV]

Romans 6

Expect Power to:

1. Forgive Sin

Rom 6 *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so*

many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

- We who have accepted Christ walk in a new state: Forgiveness!

Expect Power to:

2. Free from the Power of Sin

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Too many live in a tragic disconnect between what Christ says about freedom from sin and the idea having to sin. Christ gives us the ability to live free from the power of sin.

Expect Power to:

3. Overcome Forbidden

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered

God forbid...Let this not be!

1 John 3:8-10 "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother." [ESV]

Expect Power to:

4. Yield Ourselves to Righteousness

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield

your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We can use our instruments (body, soul & spirit) as instruments of righteousness.

When we come to Christ we get:

- a. New Status – in every respect we are the children of God
- b. New Authority – we are no longer under the grip and power of satan but placed under the authority of the Heavenly Father!
- c. New Actions – we use our instruments (body, soul & spirit) as instruments of righteousness.
- d. New Destiny – no longer destined to be like the evil or to his residency... we are destined for eternal life thru our Lord!