

THE EXPECTATIONS OF GOD
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Ps. 100:3, "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us..."

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- The moment we are born, God begins to draw us to Himself
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2 Peter 3:17-18, "...be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Phil. 1:9-12, "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..."

- Some who should be on the front lines are still in basic training
- What strategies have you developed to ensure your spiritual maturity?

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Mark 5:19, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Matt. 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

- If we have been touched by the Master, then we have a story to tell
- 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone..."

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Matt. 5:16, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Phil. 2:14-15, "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe."

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