

“What Do You Expect of Yourself?”

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What Kind of Expectations do You Have for Yourself?

“The Christian Life Comes with Expectations!” ...Be Aware, Be Glad, Be Eager!

The Plain FACTS of the Kingdom ...v. 9-10

“...we have, here, a solemn sentence — a sentence shutting the guilty and unrepentant out of the Kingdom of God.” Charles Spurgeon, “A Marvelous Change”

...This is a staggeringly clear and forthright passage—that must be capable of being read and understood in 1st Century Greco-Roman Culture, in the 17th Century Victorian Age of England, in the 18th Century Puritan Colonies, in the “Father Knows Best” 1950’s—and in the Sexual Revolution, Gender-Redefining, Individual Exalting 21st Century!

“THE Gospel is as holy as the Law. The Gospel is full of mercy to sinners, but it shows no mercy to sin. The Gospel speaks most tenderly to the ungodly, but it speaks most sternly to ungodliness. There is a great difference made, in the New Testament, between the sinner and the sin. And while the sinner is, in Infinite mercy, spared, encouraged to hope, and wooed by almighty love, sin is denounced as a dreadful thing, an abominable thing which God hates and must punish. Ah, dear Friends, it is not from Sinai, alone, that we have need to shrink if we are lovers of sin, for, if we are resolved to keep on sinning, Calvary also condemns us and, at last, even from the lips of Jesus Christ, Himself, willful sinners, continuing in their sin, shall hear the awful sentence, “Depart from Me, you that work iniquity.”” Charles Spurgeon, “A Marvelous Change”

We Can Be DUPED v. 9... "Do Not Be Deceived..."

—Man can be 'deceived', 'duped', 'tricked' into believing something that is at odds with God—of "Forming an Allegiance" with that which God clearly opposes!

- **The turning point of the Human Story**—the Cornerstone of the Fall was wired to DECEPTION!! ...
- **"If I find myself NOT OPPOSED to the things in this list—then I have already been Deceived"**

Under no conceivable circumstances can the Bible be made to defend the often-heard allegation that God created homosexuals that way. What genetic component may contribute to homosexual predispositions remains to be determined but, like inherent predispositions to alcoholism, violence, or various diseases, such a component, if demonstrated, would be an offshoot of the Fall, not of creation. Equally crucially, genetic predispositions never exempt humans from biblical standards and accountability before God for moral or immoral behavior. Those predisposed to alcoholism may have to impose more severe restrictions on themselves, such as teetotaling, than others might. But that does not mean that drunkenness for them becomes morally acceptable. Those predisposed to homosexual practices may have to monitor themselves more carefully too, but that scarcely turns sin into a divinely ordained lifestyle." Craig Blomberg, 1Corinthians, NIV App Comm

v. 9 "...the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?"

- **"unrighteous" - Who are the unrighteous?**
 - in this passage—v. 9-10 ...Similarly Presented in Other Passages:
Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:5-6 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Again ... “let no one deceive you” — ***we are Vulnerable to being Duped and to Mislabeled***

- Note the variety included under this One Umbrella: from those “sexually out-of-bounds” (sexually immoral, adulterers, men who practice homosexuality) ...to those “out-of-bounds” in their worship (idolaters) ...to those “out-of-bounds” in their attitudes and actions (thieves, greedy, drunkards, revivers, swindlers)

The Facts of RIGHTEOUSNESS—Only the RIGHTEOUS Inherit the Kingdom!

...So, how does one become Righteous?

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed...

Romans 3:21-25 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness

...You cannot understand how God uses the term
'righteousness' apart from Jesus Christ and the Gospel!

Galatians 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Philippians 3:8-9 that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

- **Fact:** “Righteousness is a Unique Quality that can Only Be Found in Christ”
- **Fact:** the Absence of Righteousness makes us INCOMPATIBLE with the Nature of God (who IS Righteous)!
- **Fact:** you don’t “Gradually Become Righteous”, you “Suddenly Become Righteous”—If you are on a lifelong quest to gradually improve and then, hopefully, one day clear the minimum requirement of righteousness—then you have MISUNDERSTOOD RIGHTEOUSNESS!

So... the Bible teaches that there is a Way for Those W/O Righteousness to Receive Righteousness!—and that's how Paul now sees the Corinthians—as Righteous!

A Real Radical Change! v. 11 ... “And such WERE some of you...”

- ***The Christian Life Brings a REDEFINING!*** ...I have genuinely become something new! My Fallen “Self-Definition” (ie ‘IDENTITY’) has Changed!—***Pick ANY of the 9 and it is accurate to say now—I Am NOT That Anymore!***
- ***Something Changed You!***
...This change involved you being “washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses

against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*What is meant by the Christian being a new creature? Three thoughts seem to me to spring up from the words, and the first is, the believer must then have been the subject of a radical change. He is said to be a new creature, which is of all things a most sweeping change. There are many changes which a man may undergo, but they may be far from being radical enough to be worth calling a new creation. ...Do you see, then, how very searching the word is here, a "a new creature," absolutely a new creation.Regeneration is a change of the entire nature from top to bottom in all senses and respects. Such is the new birth, such is it to be in Christ and to be renewed by the Holy Ghost. ...Grace doth not reform us, but re-creates us; it doth not pare away here and there an evil excrescence, but it implants a holy and divine principle which goes to instant war with all indwelling sin, and continues to fight until corruption is subdued, and holiness is enthroned." **Charles Spurgeon**, "The Believer a New Creature"*