

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For The Earnest Expectation Of The Creature Waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Romans 8:18-19 KJV



"I expect Christmas will be on Friday!" is quite a different expectation than, "I expect to see Santa on Friday!" One is knowing, and one is hoping. Expectations are many and varied by experience, but the soul that expects God to *"be true and every man a liar,"* has an *"earnest expectation"* that is sure and secure! *"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* The sun never sets without first rising, because the Word of God ordained it so from the beginning of time! *"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."* We earnestly EXPECT the sun to rise every morning a set every evening. When, in the recorded history of man, has it ever not? Only once of which I know and that by the hand of God Himself! (Joshua chapter 10) I can EXPECT rain if it becomes cloudy, but it may not. I can EXPECT cold in winter, but it may or may not snow. Do you earnestly EXPECT God to fulfill His promises if you are obedient? Or do you neglect the Truth in favor of your own desires, because you do not EXPECT God to honor His Word? We cannot earnestly EXPECT provision if we do not earnestly obey. Do we dress up on Sunday to please others or God? If God, why do we dress down Monday - Saturday? If it's not OK to wear a bikini in church, it's not OK to wear a bikini. God is everywhere and my conduct, dress, and speech should reflect my *"earnest expectation"* of His Divine omnipresence! Does God ever sleep or look away? Is He ever taken by surprise? Is there anything I can think that is unknown to God? *"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART. Thou understandest my thought afar off. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether."* Did you ever do something and immediately wonder why you did it? God knew before you did it! Today's believers expressly exhibit their lack of *"earnest expectation"* by the way they act, dress, and talk. I challenge you to determine whether a church member is a Christian based solely on their daily conduct, dress, and speech. Could someone determine the same about you? Is there enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian or do you keep it disguised until Sunday?

Expecting God to always be,
True, faithful, just, concerning me,
Will never find me left undone,
Nor without Home when Judgment comes! –CGP

Earnestness is always accompanied with passion. Passion is always a matter of the heart! Do folks know what we're passionate about? Have we lost our first Love? Jesus severely scolded the Ephesian Church for their zealotry without earnestness!

"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Revelation 2:2-4 KJV