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**High Expectation**

Romans 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (KJV)

You know, in sports they have what they call a draft day where they pick the players they believe will contribute the most to their team. They bring these people in with high expectations, and then expect them to deliver. As we see illustrated above, Paul had a winning attitude, which is why he was considered a first round pick of our Lord, because he followed the plan or purpose our Lord had for his life. Our Lord is a winner, in fact He is number one, and expects His children to have to same mindset as well; you know that mind of Christ that we have access to and should be operating with? Sometimes rookies that are drafted into the league don’t live up to the expectation they came into the league with, which they are then considered a bust.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (KJV)

Who is number one? Well our Lord is, and so are all those that remain a part of His plan according to His playbook. You know that stuff about all paths lead to the same place? Ah, not exactly. As you see, our Lord’s realm is singular, and the path that our Lord ordained for you to walk in or His playbook for you is singular as well if you intend on inheriting eternal life.

Thayer’s definition for ‘hope’:

1680 elpis- expectation of good, hope; in the Christian sense, joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation on hope, in hope, having hope

a) the author of hope, or he who is its foundation

b) the thing hoped for

God has a plan, an expectation for all His creation; that is why when looking down on mankind in the book of Genesis He saw that His plan and intended destination for them was very good. However, you have a choice, a free will concerning your own outcome whether you want to follow the Lord’s playbook and receive the eternal crown of life, or end up a bust with the rest of the losers who ended up in a ditch no longer walking the path of life.

Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (KJV)

You know that new found peace and joy that you experienced in the beginning of your walk? Yeah, the whole intention that our Lord has for you is that you maintain that to the end, so that someday you too can be glorified with our Lord. If you are no longer being led by the Spirit then you are being misled by the flesh, which will result in a life that cannot be pleasing to our Lord. God has a high expectation for your walk today, so get up and get on that path of life and expect to receive those things that you could have never imagined or even thought of.