

How to Reconcile Unmet Expectations for God With the Power of Our Words

In the midst of a cultural upheaval, uncertainty, despair and division, we have a choice in what we allow to come forth from our mouths: either words of life, hope, faith, grace and love or words of death, despair, shame, judgment and hopelessness. What will you choose?

It is easy to allow the circumstances of our lives and this world to overwhelm us, to sit in our own pit of worry, anxiety and anguish. Despondency, apathy and lukewarmness should never be defining terms for Christians.

So, how do we rise? How do we live differently?

As long as we are believers in Jesus Christ, we are never without hope!

No matter what the future holds, no matter how hard things might become—life should be the word that drips from our tongues. We have hope for tomorrow; we have hope for what comes in death. And friends, we carry the truth and the name of Jesus. In Him, we find our confidence!

Consider these words:

Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us, and He now declares us flawless in His eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the anointed one, has done for us. Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory!

But that's not all! Even in times of trouble, we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

And there is still much more to say of His unfailing love for us! For through the blood of Jesus we have heard the powerful declaration, "You are now righteous in My sight." And because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you will never experience the wrath of God. So if while we were still enemies, God fully reconciled us to Himself through the death of His Son, then something greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, and because we share in His resurrection life, how much more we will be rescued from sin's dominion?

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