

October 8, 2017 Message
Are You Really Expecting?
 Philippians 3:17-4:1

Whom Do You Expect? (3:20)

- When Jesus came to earth the first time He had to fulfill prophecy by
 1. Being born of a v_____ (Is 7:14)
 2. Living a s_____ life to be the perfect, one time sacrifice for sin (Is 53:5)
 3. Dying and then rising from the dead (Ps 16:10)
- Jesus declared that He would return a second time
 1. At this coming we will a _____ be with the Lord (1 Thess 4:16,17)
 2. Are you expecting Him?
- Phil 3:20 states those of us who have our citizenship in heaven eagerly w_____ for the Savior – the Lord Jesus Christ.
 1. The first century church expected His return but did not see it.
 2. The second century church expected His return but did not see it.
 3. In every century the church expected His return. How about you?
- Some facts to consider
 1. Jesus promised to return for every single believer whether d_____ or alive (Jn 14:3).
 2. 2 Pet 3:3,4 prophesies that people will say that it has been too long of a time and will m_____ this promise.
 3. Jesus stated that certain things must happen before He returns the second time, the main thing being that the g_____ must be preached to all the ethnic groups (Matt 24:14).
 - a. He c_____ the church to make disciples of ALL the ethnic groups (Matt 28:19,20) – Southern Baptists have a global strategy to reach every people group cooperating with other entities with global strategies.
 - b. He promises to save through the gospel people from every tribe, language, ethnicity, and class (Rev 5:9,10).
- Are you expecting Jesus to return for you?

What Do You Expect? (3:21)

- As we expect Jesus, we live in bodies that are imperfect and are progressively f_____
- Phil 3:32 states that when Jesus returns for us our bodies will undergo a total _____
 1. The Greek word Paul uses comes from a word where we get our word “schematic” with a prefix attached to it that means “c_____”
 2. When Christ returns the schematics of our body will undergo a change that is i_____ (in a blink of an eye – 1 Cor 15:51-54; 1 Thes 4:16,17).
 3. Our transformed bodies will be c_____ to Christ resurrection body (in other words it will be eternal, not subject to decay, death, disease, etc).

How Do You Expect? (4:1)

- This verse begins with the word, t_____ - it points back to the action of eagerly expecting Jesus to return and transform our bodies into perfect ones.
 - a. Therefore, (because we expect Jesus to return and transform our bodies) stand f_____.
 - b. Standing firm is not perfect conduct but a p_____ conduct.
- The behavioral pattern of those who don't expect Christ's return and those who expect Christ's return: (Phil 3:17-19)

THOSE WHO DON'T EXPECT

THOSE WHO EXPECT

Selfish appetite is their g_____	Unselfish appetite – love G_____
G_____ in their shameful ways	Improving conduct – repentant
Focus on earthly things (t_____)	Focus on heavenly things (e_____)

What does the pattern of your conduct demonstrate?