What We Can Expect

John 16:33

Introduction:

A. Jesus wants all prospective followers to know what to expect. (cf. Lk. 9:57-58)
   1. Anticipation of pleasant things encourages faithfulness.
   2. Anticipation of unpleasant things prevents disillusionment.
B. Let us look at our assured expectations Christians.

Discussion:

I. We Can Expect Precepts to Obey.
   A. Obedience is proof of love. (John 14:15; 1 Jno. 5:3).
   B. Obedience is for every phase of life.
      2. Entire manner of life. (Tit. 2:11,12).

II. We Can Expect Problems to Overcome.
   A. With self. (1 Cor. 9:27).
   B. With world.
      1. Its opposition. (John 15:18,19).
      2. Its allurement. (1 John 2:15,16).
      3. Its common dangers. (2 Cor. 11:24-28).
   C. With brethren. (Gal. 1:6; 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Cor. 11:19).

III. We Can Expect Privileges to Enjoy.
   A. For the life that now is.
      b. Peace. (Phil. 4:6-9).
      c. Help. (Heb. 4:16; cf. 2 Cor. 12:9; 1 Cor. 10:13).
   2. For the life that is to come. (Rom. 8:18; 1 John 2:25).
   B. All spiritual blessings. (Eph. 1:3).
      2. Sonship. (Gal. 3:27).
      3. Fellowship with Deity and saints. (1 John 1:3,5-7).
      5. Hope (Heb. 6:19).

Conclusion:

A. Why not be Christian and:
   1. Obey the precepts.
   2. Overcome the problems.
   3. Enjoy the privileges.