

Elementary Children's Church

Lesson 13

New Year: Placing our Expectation in Him

1. God's will for us is to let Jesus truly be our expectation. **Psalms 62:5**: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my **expectation** [is] from him." This verse is the heart that cries out for complete Faith in Him for my life, for my Mom and Dad, sisters and brothers, school, sports, friends, everything that concerns me.

2. Why? Because as His children, we have been blessed with all Spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ. **Ephesians 1:3** "Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly [places] in Christ." What does that mean? Simply that we've got it all in Jesus: That He knows exactly what is best for our lives, that we can live by faith, in complete confidence in Him, that He perfects that which concerns us, that He withholds nothing good from us, (and that includes trials as well.)

3. So now that this is (almost) the new year, may we begin afresh more confident than ever in the love of God for us. That our prayer would be: **Lord, give me the desires of your heart. (Psalms 37:4** "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the **desires** of thine **heart**.") **Lord, have your way in my life; that yes, I do have desires, needs, and wants, but to always bring these before you, to convict my heart through your Word, to show me which things are good (everlasting benefit) or which things are not profitable for me.** Paul said in **Philippians 3:7-8**: "But what things were gain to me (or dear to me), those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Paul encouraged us to pray: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (**Philippians 2:5**). What boldness and thanks that we can operate in our lives **knowing** that we have the very mind of Christ to lead us.