

You Won't Be Disappointed – Won't Be Put To Shame!

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➤ Intro:

- **illus.: disappointment** – true story
 - **Dr. Lenore Campbell tells this story** about going to see a **patient who was coming out of anesthesia**.
 - Far off **church chimes** sounded as the woman woke up, and murmured, "**I must be in heaven.**"
 - Then she **looked up and saw me**, and the **woman disappointedly said, "No, I can't be. There's Dr. Campbell."**
revised, from Lenore Campbell, M.D., in Medical Economics
 - **life offers many disappointments**, even waking up from a coma and finding that we're not in heaven
- **illus.: God is like a father who gave advise to son**, at end, he said, "**If you do what I say, you won't be disappointed.**"
 - **son took his father's advise**, and it was as he promised, the son was **not disappointed**
- **God made the same promise to us! – You Won't Be Disappointed!**

➤ God promises, we won't be disappointed!

- **1 Pet. 2:6** if believe in Jesus: **not be disappointed** (NASB) / **not be shamed** (NKJ)

➤ - Rom. 9:33; 10:11

- **Greek word *kataischuno*** (kat-ahee-skhoo'-no) meaning dishonor, disgrace, shame, humiliate, disappoint
 - **the Hebrew from which the NT writers quote literally means** "shall not make haste" in the sense of being afraid or agitated with fear or frightened, hence not being shamed or disappointed as a child of God
 - today's lesson, from the perspective of not being disappointed

➤ - God's promise:

- **If we believe in Jesus**, we won't be disappointed (shamed)! **But if we don't believe in Jesus**
 - **Rom. 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:6** believe Jesus, **not disappointed (shamed)**
 - **Dan. 12:1-3** (vision) **righteous v. unrighteous / glorified v. shamed (disappointed)**

- **What does it mean to believe in Jesus, whereby we're not disappointed (shamed)? – determining factor**
 - **illus.:** little boy had to decide whether to believe his father, and do what he said, trusting in the promise that he wouldn't be disappointed - for boy to believe father, had to do what he said
 - likewise, to believe in Jesus, have to do what He says
 - to believe in Jesus, we must receive Him as the authority of our life
 - **Jn. 1:12** receive Jesus (receive as authority), given the right to become children of God, because they believe in His name
 - **Matt. 28:18** Jesus has all authority, heaven and earth
 - **illus. parable: Matt. 21:33-39, parable of the landowner**
 - a landowner planted a vineyard, put a wall around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a Tower
 - then he rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey
 - when harvest time came, the landowner sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce, but they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third
 - again he sent another group of slaves, larger than the first, and the landowners did the same thing
 - at last, the landowner sent his son to the vine-growers, saying, "They will respect my son"
 - but when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance."
 - then the vine-growers threw the landowner's son out of the vineyard, and killed him
 - like the vine-growers, we decide whether or not to respect the authority of the Son, Jesus Christ
 - God does not "make" us respect Christ's authority, but He punishes us for eternity if we don't
- - to believe in Jesus, we must act on His word – do what He says
 - **Matt. 7:26** Jesus, hears His words, act on them, or will be like foolish man
 - **1 Pet. 2:2, 6** act: desire milk of word, grow in respect to salvation, not disappointed
- - to act on Jesus' words, we must obey Him
 - **Jn. 14:15** Jesus, love, keep His commandments
 - **Jn. 15:10** Jesus, keep His commandments, abide in His love
 - **Heb. 5:9** Jesus, source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him
- **Because we believe in Jesus, we won't be disappointed (put to shame)!**
 - we live with a spiritual view of life, not a physical
 - "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - "Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.
 - "Blessed are the **gentle**, for they shall inherit the earth.
 - "Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 - "Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.
 - "Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God.
 - "Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.
 - "Blessed are those who have been **persecuted for the sake of righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - "Blessed are you when people **insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you** because of Me. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- **Believing in Jesus, we're not disappointed while upon the earth – strong, not fear!**
 - **illus.:** many who live upon the earth are disappointed, because they're seeking worldly success above spiritual success
 - **Alexander the Great** conquered Persia, but broke down and wept because his troops were too exhausted to push on to India.
 - **Hugo Grotius** (grō' shəs), the father of modern international law, said at the last, "I have accomplished nothing worthwhile in my life."
 - **John Quincy Adams**, sixth President of the U.S., wrote in his diary: "My life has been spent in vain and idle aspirations, and in ceaseless rejected prayers that something would be the result of my existence beneficial to my species."

Donald McCullough, "The Pitfalls of Positive Thinking", Christian Times, September 6, 1985
 - **but if our emphasis in life is spiritual rather than worldly – we won't be disappointed**
- **1 Pet. 2:6b** believe in Jesus, **“not disappointed” - “not shamed” – not afraid, agitated, frightened**
 - **Hebrew** from which the NT writers quote literally means **“shall not make haste”** in the sense of **being afraid or agitated with fear or frightened**, hence not being shamed or disappointed as a child of God
- **Jesus teaches us not to fear men**
 - **Lk 12:4-5** not to fear men who can kill the body, but nothing else; **rather fear God**, who can not only kill the body, but cast our souls in hell
 - **Phil. 1:28** not alarmed by opponents – **sign** of destruction to false teachers, **sign** of our salvation
 - **alarmed:** Greek verb, metaphor of a scared horse, bolts out of control
- - **illus.:** **1 Pet. 3:6** Sarah, not frightened by any fear, because she did what was right
 - **all Christians have the confidence** Sarah had, because we do what is right, without being frightened by any fear
- - **illus.:** **2 Pet. 1:12-14** Peter's closing words, no fear – cf. in high priest's courtyard, denied Christ 3x
 - **How do you think he acted when they crucified him?** – words to wife, children, family, brethren?
 - paint a possible scenario
 - **How do you think he acted when requesting to be crucified upside down?** – more painful
 - paint a possible scenario
- **Because we believe in Jesus, we're strong – not afraid of our adversaries – not frightened with any fear!**
 - spiritual focus rather than worldly

- **Believing in Jesus, we're not disappointed while the upon earth – exalted as God's chosen people!**
 - **1 Pet. 2:2, 4-5, 6b** we are a **spiritual house, holy priesthood, offer spiritual sacrifices – the work we do**
 - **1 Cor. 3:16** temple, Christians collectively, **church**
 - **1 Cor. 6:19** temple, each **individual Christian**

- - **illus.: 2 Tim. 2:20** as **God, large house, vessels of honor and dishonor** – attitude toward each
 - as **faithful Christians, we are vessels of honor**
 - **church / Christians:** chaste bride of Christ, sanctified, cleansed, nourished and cherished by Christ
 - **today, we may not receive the honor from the world we deserve, but one day**, when the earth has been destroyed, and everyone confesses Christ to be Lord, we will be honored by all, because of the glory we receive as God's children

- **Because we believe in Jesus, we're exalted as God's chosen people!** – spiritual focus rather than worldly

- **Believing in Jesus, we won't be disappointed when He returns – exalted with Christ at His coming!**
 - **Col. 3:4** revealed with Him in glory - **1 Th. 4:14-17**
 - glorified with Christ

- - **Phil. 3:20-21** Christ will transform our lowly bodies, into conformity with the body of His glory
 - the eternal body we'll possess will crown us with glory, from God

- **Because we believe in Jesus, we be exalted with Christ at his coming!** – spiritual focus rather than worldly

- **Believing in Jesus, we won't be disappointed at the judgment – rewarded, judge the world and angels!**
 - **2 Cor. 5:7, 10** faith, stand before Jesus in glory
 - **Matt. 25:21** judged faithful, invited to enter eternal glory

- - **1 Cor. 6:2a, 3a** judge the world and angels – glory from the father, as the saints of God
 - **illus.: judge enters court room, all rise, until after the judge sits down**
 - glory belongs to those who judge

- **Because we believe in Jesus, we'll judge the world and angels!** – have the glory belonging to those who judge
– spiritual focus rather than worldly

- **Believing in Jesus, we won't be disappointed throughout eternity – heaven!**
 - **2 Tim. 4:7-8** Paul, fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith; laid up, crown of righteousness
 - **Rev. 21:1-7** not ask audience to turn

- **Because we believe in Jesus, we'll live with Him in glory for eternity!** – spiritual focus rather than worldly

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **there is only one way to avoid** the ultimate disappointment – **believe in Jesus – obey – won't be disappointed**
- spiritual focus rather than worldly
 - you'll **be strong, not fear**
 - you'll be **exalted as one of God's chosen people** – member of His **church**
 - you'll be **exalted at Christ's coming, at the judgment, and in heaven for eternity**

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