

What Can We Expect From God

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I. Introduction.

- A. The objective is to be comforted. (Isaiah 40:1)
- B. Text: 1 John 3:1-2.
- C. Ordinary people can be born of God. (1 John 3; 2:29; Psalm 18:3-4)

II. The wonder of God's love.

III. The wonder of being God's children.

IV. Response to the storms of life.

- A. We can choose to accept the trial. There is no promise of a quick cure.
- B. We can count on...
 - 1. God's love for us.
 - 2. God's grace and strength to do what we cannot do for ourselves. (Job 34:14-15; Colossians 1)
 - 3. God does not allow adversity that is not for our ultimate good and his glory. (Romans 8:28)
 - 4. God continuing to be God. He has our best interest at heart and knows what is best for us. (Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8)
- C. God does not grow people with easy circumstances.
- D. We can choose to trust God and press on. (Genesis 48:7)

Application questions:

1. How can we introduce others to the awe and wonder of God?

2. How can we coach someone through suffering?

3. What has God taught you in your suffering?
