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TURN A CORNER!

Everybody loves a baby. In this messy world the idea of a clean, fresh start is always appealing. The first smile, soon the first laugh out loud, before long the first words... a baby is irresistible! He's a miracle, and so full of potential!

But we see it from the adult side. Think what the baby experiences: lights, breathing, other people, heat and cold, later colors, concepts....

A clergyman was asked by a king, "If I accept your Christ, what shall I find?" The answer: "You will stumble upon wonder after wonder – and every wonder will be true!"

A baby's a miracle, but a new Christian is more so! "For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All this is God's doing" (2 Co. 5:17, 18 Phillips).

Now, the fact is, when a baby is born he's really, truly born – but he understands nothing of what's just happened to him. And even if he grows up to be an obstetrician, his whole career won't be long enough to uncover all the mysteries of human beginnings.

And so with the Christian life. I've been a Christian since I was a young girl – and I'm still stumbling upon wonder after wonder! I admit I've always had occasional times of boredom, but they were needless, they were blindness, they were sin! We should stagger and be kept gloriously off balance all our lives at the discoveries of one amazing truth after another.

Keep alert. Watch for the glory of God. Enjoy the surprises!