

The Precious Promises of God

2 Peter 1:2-4

2 Peter 3:9-10

I. Consider the Promise of Salvation through Christ.

Gal. 3:22, *But the Scripture has confined all under sin that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.*

A. Salvation is a universal need of all mankind.

Rom. 5:12, *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

Rom. 3:23, *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

B. Christ is the only one who can save a sinner.

The message of John the Baptist. John 1:29, 45, *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*

The message of Peter. Acts 16:30-31, *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* ³¹*So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”*

Peter again: Acts 4:12, *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

The claim of Christ Himself. John 14:6, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

II. Consider the Promise of the Holy Spirit to Believers

A. This promise is to all who believe on Christ.

John 7:37-39, *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

³⁹*But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Acts 10:34-36, *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*

³⁶*The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all!*

B. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell on every believer.

Luke 24:49, *Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."*

III. Consider the Promise of Eternal Life by Christ.

1 John 5:11-13,

*And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

A. This promise was the hope of the early Christians.

John 10:10; *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

Col. 3:3-4, *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

1 John 3: 2, *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

B. The word teaches that we are kept by the power of God.

1 Pet. 1:3-5; Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (2 Tim. 1:12; Jude 24)

C. The promise and our assurance is based only upon the Word of God – He has Promised! Rom. 8:35-39; Eph. 2:5-7; Heb. 7:25.

1 Peter 1:25-26, But the word of the Lord endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

IV. Consider the Promise of the Return of Christ.

A. This is the promise of Christ Himself made.

John 14:1-3:

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

²In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1. He is the One that is coming.

1 Thess. 4:16, For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

2. He is coming to receive His own.

1Thess.4:17, Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

3. He is coming that we might be with Him forever.

1 Thess. 4:17 ... And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

B. This was the hope of the early church.

Acts 1:10-11, And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

¹¹who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

C. This is the promise for us as an incentive for Holy living.

1 John 3:3, And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

D. This is the dread of Satan and his hosts.

2 Thess. 2:7-12, For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

⁹The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

¹²that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.