



God's Promises to the Believer

Fifth in a Series of Five Articles

2 Peter 1:3-4, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

God's Word is full of promises for the believer. However, in times of struggle or difficulty, it may be hard to grasp these promises and believe them. Many people know the words of the verses but do not internalize them and experience the power of their truth. It is important for the believer to personalize the promises *and choose to believe through faith that they are true for him or her!* Below are some steps for internalizing these promises:

- Identify the promise from the Scripture as the truth.
- Make the choice to affirm it as truth in your life. That is, believe and have faith that the promise is true for you.
- Ask yourself, "If I lived like this promise was 100% true, how would I live? What type of difference would it make in my life?"
- Make the choice to live like the truth is completely true even if your feelings don't match. Remember, when your feelings and the truth are in conflict, always follow the truth of the Word.

Believers can claim the promises below because of God's grace and goodness toward them. We cannot claim any right to these promises based on our own worthiness. Therefore, in order to keep these promises in perspective, it is helpful to use the following sentence stems:

- Because of salvation through Christ...
- Because of the Holy Spirit's work in me...
- Because of God's love, power, and plan...

In this series of articles, we will examine some sets of promises in God's Word and discuss how these promises could have application in our lives of faith.

Set 21: God is working in me.

Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

At times we may feel pretty worthless and incapable of doing much for the Lord. However, He promises that He will perform a good work in each of us until our time on earth is complete. We ought to be up and doing, ready to serve as He calls.

Set 22: God has given me a lively hope.

1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Our hope in Christ of a heavenly inheritance is more than a chance possibility; it is a solid assurance that doesn't fade away. Yes, we could foolishly forfeit that hope, but we can be reassured that it is God's promise to the believer, according to His abundant mercy, that we are kept unto salvation by the power of God through faith.

Set 23: He will protect me to the end.

John 10:27-29, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

2 Timothy 4:18, "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"

The protection of God is a wonderful testimony of His promise to keep us until the end. God's faithfulness should never be in question. He will preserve. He will not allow anyone to remove us from His Father hand. His love for us is complete!

Set 24: I can have a full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:22, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

Luke 12:32, "Fear not, little flock;for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Again, this assurance isn't just a fleeting hope, but is full of faith. We are not to fear trial or tribulation, for it is our Father's pleasure to give us the kingdom. We are to believe on the name of Jesus that we might know that we have eternal life. Satan can try to make us question our faith, but we need only to rest on the promises of God.

Set 25: I am complete in Christ.

Colossians 2:10, "And ye are complete in him [Jesus], which is the head of all principality and power:"

Here we see that, in Christ, we lack nothing. We are perfected or complete in Him.

Set 26: Nothing can separate me from God's love.

Romans 8:35-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Finally, we see the promise that we cannot be separated from God's love by anything external to us. We alone have the choice and ability to walk away from Him, but He will not leave us. Let us claim these promises for ourselves and stand firm upon them knowing that they will not fail.