

The Precious Promises of God

2 Pet 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

What are these magnificent
promises and can we really trust
them?

The very first thing we must remember is that these promises will come on God's timetable and not ours.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Thousands of years ago, God made a promise to Abraham that benefitted all men.

Acts 13:23 "From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, ... 32 "And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, 33 that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'Thou art My Son; today I have begotten Thee.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless those
who bless you, and the one who
curses you I will curse. And in
you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed."

Gal 3:14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Eph 3:6 to be specific that the
Gentiles are fellow heirs and
fellow members of the body, and
fellow partakers of the promise in
Christ Jesus through the gospel,

God knew that we needed a Savior and He promised that blessing through Abraham.

Mat 1:21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (22) Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: (23) "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

We are promised the Holy Spirit will guide the apostles to give us all truth.

Joh 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Joh 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

The Promise of Eternal Life

Titus 1:2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

I Jn 2:25 And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

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James 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

God promised we would be His children

2Co 6:18 "And I will be a father to you,
And you shall be sons and daughters to
Me," Says the Lord Almighty. 7:1

Therefore, having these promises,
beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all
defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting
holiness in the fear of God.

God also promised that he would
be a Father to us.

2 Cor 6:16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 17 "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you. 18 "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me," says the Lord Almighty.

He promises Jesus will return for us

2Pe 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells

He promises a new heavens and a new earth

Isa 65:17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. (18)

"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness.

Unlike the present heaven and earth, this will be one in which righteousness dwells.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
(2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

(3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, (4) and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." (5) And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

We are promised that we may be
heirs of the kingdom

James 2:5 Listen, my beloved
brethren: did not God choose the
poor of this world to be rich in
faith and heirs of the kingdom
which He promised to those who
love Him?

We are promised that our
resurrection shall be eternal.

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Our inheritance is eternal

Heb 9:15 And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

The promises have conditions.

2Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Acts 26:6 "And now I am standing
trial for the hope of the promise
made by God to our fathers; 7 the
promise to which our twelve tribes
hope to attain, as they earnestly serve
God night and day. And for this
hope, O King, I am being accused by
Jews. 8 "Why is it considered
incredible among you people if God
does raise the dead?

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the
confession of our hope without
wavering, for He who promised
is faithful;

The Lord is not slow about His promise
Concerning His promises:

the Gentiles are fellow partakers
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Eternal Life

we will be His children – God will be our
Father

Jesus will return for us
a new heavens and a new earth
we will be heirs of the kingdom
our resurrection shall be eternal

The promises have conditions, but He who promised
is faithful;

Where do you stand this day?

You have been called to these
precious promises. Will you
accept this free gift of God by
being baptized?

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself." 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"