



Promises, Promises! The Choice Is Yours

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2 Peter 1 ³ By his divine power, **God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him,** the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and **precious promises.** These are the **promises that enable you to share his divine nature** and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. ⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. NLT

Hebrews 6 ¹² So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but **follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance.** TPT

Romans 5 ¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. **But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.** NLT

Righteousness: Broadly, the word suggests **conformity to the revealed will of God in all respects.** God declares the believer righteous, in the sense of acquitting him, and imparts righteousness to him. (Spirit Filled Life Bible – page 1715)

Luke 12 ³² So don't ever be afraid, dearest friends! **Your loving Father joyously gives you his kingdom with all its promises!** TPT

Romans 8 ¹⁵ And you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty," leading you back into **the fear of never being good enough.** But **you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance,"** enfolding you into the family of God. And **you will never feel orphaned,** for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!" TPT

1 John 4 ¹⁷ By *living in God*, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, **because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world.** TPT

NOTE: Or "because we are what he is in this world." The verb tense is important. We are not like Jesus *was*, but because of grace, we are like he is *now*: pure and holy, seated in heaven, and glorified. See Rom. 8:30; Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:1-4. Faith has transferred his righteousness to us.

The Choice Is Ours!

Deuteronomy 30 ¹⁹ **"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!"** ^{20a} You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. **This is the key to your life.**" NLT

1 John 3 ²¹ Dear friends, **if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence.** ²² **And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.** NLT

Hebrews 11 ⁶ And without **faith** living within us it would be impossible **to please God.** **For we come to God in faith knowing that he is real and that he rewards the faith of those who passionately seek him.** TPT

Galatians 3 ¹³ Yet, Christ paid the full price to set us free from the curse of the law. He absorbed the curse completely as he became a curse in our place. For it is written: “Everyone who is hung upon a tree is cursed.” ¹⁴ **Jesus Christ dissolved the curse from our lives, so that in him all the blessings of Abraham can be poured out upon gentiles...** TPT

Hebrews 8 ⁶ But now Jesus the Messiah has accepted a priestly ministry which far surpasses theirs, since he is the catalyst of a **better covenant which contains far more wonderful promises!** ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless no one would have needed a second one to replace it. ⁸ But God revealed the defect and limitation of the first when he said to his people, “Look! The day will come, declares the Lord, when I will satisfy the people of Israel and Judah by giving them a new covenant. ⁹ It will be an entirely different covenant than the one I made with their fathers when I led them by my hand out of Egypt. **For they did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I rejected them,** says the Lord God. ¹⁰ For here is the covenant I will one day establish with the people of Israel: I will embed my laws within their thoughts and fasten them onto their hearts. I will be their loyal God and they will be my loyal people. ¹¹ And the result of this will be that everyone will know me as Lord! There will be no need at all to teach their fellow-citizens or brothers by saying, ‘You should know Yahweh,’ since everyone will know me *inwardly*, from the most unlikely to the most distinguished. ¹² **For I will demonstrate my mercy to them and will forgive their evil deeds, and never remember again their sins.** ¹³ This proves that by establishing this new covenant the first is now obsolete, ready to expire, and about to disappear. NLT

Deuteronomy 28 ¹ **If you fully obey** the LORD your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. ² **You will experience all these blessings** if you obey the LORD your God: ³ Your **towns** and your **fields** will be **blessed**. ⁴ Your **children** and your **crops** will be **blessed**. The offspring of your **herds** and **flocks** will be **blessed**. ⁵ Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. ⁶ **Wherever you go and whatever you do,** you will be **blessed**. ⁷ “The LORD will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven! ⁸ **The LORD will guarantee a blessing on everything you do** and will fill your storehouses with grain. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. ⁹ “If you obey the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways, the LORD will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do. ¹⁰ Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the LORD, and they will stand in awe of you. ¹¹ “The LORD will give you **prosperity** in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, **blessing you with many children**, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. ¹² The LORD will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens and will **bless all the work you do**. You will lend to many nations, but you will never need to borrow from them. ¹³ If you listen to these commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom. ¹⁴ You must not turn away from any of the commands I am giving you today, nor follow after other gods and worship them. ¹⁵ “But **if you refuse to listen to the LORD your God...curses...²⁰ ...for doing evil and abandoning me.²¹ ...diseases...²² ...disasters...⁴⁷ If you do not serve the LORD your God with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received,^{48a} ...hungry, thirsty, naked, and lacking in everything.⁶¹ ...every sickness and plague there is, even those not mentioned in this Book of Instruction...**” NLT

Mark 11 ²⁴ **This is the reason I urge you to boldly believe for whatever you ask for in prayer—be convinced that you have received it and it will be yours.** TPT

1 John 5 ¹⁴ Since we have this confidence, we can also have **great boldness** before him, for if we ask anything agreeable to his will, he will hear us. ¹⁵ **And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we also know that we have obtained the requests we ask of him.** TPT