

## PROMISES OF GOD

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### INTRODUCTION

1. TEXT 2 Peter 1:4
2. There are different kinds of promises from God.
  - a. There are conditional promises and there are unconditional promises.
  - b. These in our text are precious because
    1. what they mean to the soul, and
    2. they are great because of what they include.
3. None of God's promise can be bought or merited by man.
4. God's promises are designed so you can:
  1. Escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.
  2. Partake of the divine nature.
5. All of God's promises center in Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:20
  - a. Yea means they are affirmed or declared.
  - b. Amen means there is no uncertainty in the proclamation, neither in the fulfillment.

### II Discussion:

- A. Upon what does a promise depend?
  1. Ability to perform. God has the power. Genesis 1:1; Matthew 19:26
  2. Willingness to perform. God had not failed in the past. II Peter 3:9 Joshua 23:14 Romans 4:21
  3. The value of the thing promised. A promise will not compensate for the labor involved. Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1
- B. What are some things that God has not promised.
  1. To accept our excuses for disobedience. Luke 14:16-24
  2. To give us another day to live. James 4:13-14
  3. To save anybody outside the church. Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47
  4. To give a second chance after death. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
  5. To give the Christian a life free of hardships. 2 Timothy 3:12
- C. What are some of the unconditional promises of God?
  1. He will not destroy the earth again by water. Genesis 9:15
  2. All men will leave this walk of life. Hebrews 9:27
  3. The world will end. 2 Peter 3:10
  4. A resurrection of the dead. John 5:28-29
  5. All will be judged by their deeds. Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- D. What are some of the conditional promises of God?

1. The forgiveness of sins. Mark 16:16 Acts 8:22
2. The Christians will never see the second death. John 8:51 Revelation 21:8

Hebrews 5:8-9

3. Blessings in life. Matthews 6:33
4. Peace that passes all understanding. Philippians 4:4

### III Conclusion

1. We have studied these four things about the promises of God, do you believe them?
2. Are we "Standing on the promises of God"?
3. These promises can be ours if we but obey.

Sources: sermon preached 1987