

God's Promises
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Ephesians 2

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind

No matter who you are, every single person has the same problem, you carry out the desires of your body and your mind

God created us in His image

We are eternal

God is relational, so we are relational

Three in One

You are born with a Spirit, a Soul and a Body

Whatever our circumstances say...that is what we do!

We are ruled by circumstances because circumstances determine how we feel and how we think

There is ALWAYS a circumstance and we live by our circumstances

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... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

The moment I am saved my Spirit comes alive!

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Now, we can be Spirit led!

Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world (following the body and the mind), but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Ephesians 4:21-24

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature (CIRCUMSTANCES) and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

John 6:63

Everything that I have spoken to you is Spirit and life!

Everything in the Word of God is Spirit and Life

God's desire is that we would not respond to our circumstances but that we would respond to Him

2 Peter 1:3-4

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. 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.

You have all you need

The Bible is packed with promises and if we learn them, then it will enable us to live according to His nature instead of our nature

2 Peter 1:5-8

In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Can you have knowledge and not be productive?

James 1:22

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

You can learn all you want about the Word

2 Peter 1:9-11

But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We HAVE to make every effort to grab hold of all of His promises!

How?

There are 2 ways to respond to God's promises!

Ask for it by faith

"Whatever you ask for in my name will be given"

Receive it with thanks

If you do not receive a gift with thanks, you don't get to experience it fully

The Bible is filled with promises that you already have but if you don't know them and grab hold of them and receive them you don't get to experience them

Step 1

Read a chapter and underline every single promise

Step 2

Is this a promise that we should thank God for or ask God for?

Step 3

Pray it!

Step 4

Make it personal

What is a circumstance that you go through or are going through that you need to respond to this promise to live according to the Word rather than your circumstance?

Pray the promise!

Claim the promise in prayer!

We are moving the promise from our knowledge to our heart

We learn to activate the promises of God in our lives

Our prayer language will change

“Lord will you be with me as I am facing this tough situation?”

Matthew 28:20

...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

What’s the Promise?

Do we thank Him for it or do we ask Him for it?

“Lord thank you for always being with me, I know that you are here as I am facing this.”

We ask Him for something that we should be thanking Him for

If we are aware of His presence it changes things for us

We don’t respond to how we feel, we respond to His promise!

When we pray rightly other can establish a connection too

When we pray rightly we ourselves grab hold of the promises and it causes us to live differently