

# Claiming the Promises

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The central event of human history is the person of Jesus Christ. (John 1:1)
- B. The central experience in human history is knowing Him personally.
  - 1. We come to know the incarnate Word through the written Word of God.
  - 2. Jesus' words are spirit and life. (John 6:63)
  - 3. The experience is a moment and linear. (I Peter 1:23, II Peter 1:3-4)
  - 4. The knowledge gained therein is experiential. (I Peter 2:2-3)

## II. Because of the promises...

- A. We grow. (Acts 20)
- B. We get victory.
  - 1. Over sin. (Psalm 119:11)
  - 2. Over Satan. (I John 2:14, Matthew 4)
- C. We are cleansed.
- D. We have peace and assurance.
- E. We receive light.
- F. We receive joy.
- G. We have hope.

## II. Conditions for the promises.

- A. Faith is prayer and obedience. (Hebrews 11:33)
- B. Faith is the principle for obtaining the promises. (Luke 18:35)
- C. Prayer.

1. God wants us to be specific about our needs.

2. Israel prevailed when Moses prayed. (Exodus 17, II Chronicles 6:17)

D. Obedience. (II Corinthians 6)

1. We must cleanse ourselves of the filthy flesh

2. We must cleanse ourselves from the filthy spirit, which is pride, jealousy, anger, resentment, etc.

**Application questions:**

1. How do the promises relate to a relationship with Jesus?

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2. Why are the promises important for the spiritual life?

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3. What must we do to obtain the promises? Explain.

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