

# **The Promises of God**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. All the promises of God are yes in Jesus. (II Corinthians 1:19)
- B. God does not vacillate on His promises.
- C. There is no essential truth to life and godliness that is not found in the Bible. (II Peter 1)
- D. We have all things for godliness through the intimate union we have with Christ. (Romans 7:4)

## II. Kinds of promises.

### A. General promises applied to all Christians.

- 1. Life in Christ. (I John 5:1-12, Revelation 3:20)
- 2. Forgiveness. (I John 1:9)
- 3. A way of escape in temptation. (I Corinthians 10:13)
- 4. Fill your prayer life with promises.

### B. Specific promises that apply only to a person in a circumstance. (Acts 13:47, Romans 9-11, Proverbs 27, Isaiah 49)

## III. Pattern for claiming promises.

- A. Gift. (Genesis 17)
- B. Test. (Genesis 22)
- C. Fulfillment. (Hebrews 11)

## IV. Guidelines.

- A. Be obedient. (Exodus 17)
- B. Stand on the promise. (Joshua 1:3)
- C. Be sure it does not contradict Scripture. (Acts 13:47)

1. Give it the test of time.
2. Get godly counsel.
3. Let God fill in the details as you go along.

D. Come to God with a needy heart.

E. Remember that God gives promises for His own glory. (II Corinthians 1:20, I Kings 8, Isaiah 43:25, I Samuel 10:26)

V. Three areas we can apply the promises of God.

A. Personal life. (I John 2:15-16)

B. Family life. (Romans 15:13)

C. Ministry. (Mark 16:15)

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important to distinguish the different kinds of promises?

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2. Which tip for claiming God's promises did you find most helpful? Explain.

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3. How can you better claim the promises of personal life, family life and ministry? Explain.

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