

# Precious Promises

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2 Peter 1:1-4, “Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have **obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you **through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord**, According as his **divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the **knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue**: Whereby are **given unto us exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

## Precious Promises:

Psalms 139:17. “How **precious** also are **thy thoughts unto me**, O God! how great is the sum of them!”

Psalms 126:6, “He that goeth forth and weepeth, **bearing precious seed**, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

Psalms 72:14, “He shall **redeem their soul** from deceit and violence: and **precious shall their blood be in his sight**.”

Psalms 116:15, “**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints**.”

Psalms 49:8, “(For **the redemption of their soul is precious**, and it ceaseth for ever:)”

## Glorification of the Church:

1 Corinthians 15:40-45, “There are also **celestial bodies**, and **bodies terrestrial**: but **the glory of the celestial is one**, and **the glory of the terrestrial is another**. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. **So also is the resurrection of the dead**. It is **sown in corruption**; it is **raised in incorruption**: It is **sown in dishonour**; it is **raised in glory**: it is **sown in weakness**; it is **raised in power**: It is **sown a natural body**; it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul**; the **last Adam was made a quickening spirit**.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-53, “Behold, I shew you **a mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**, In a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and **we shall be changed**. **For this corruptible must put on incorruption**, and **this mortal must put on immortality**.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others **which have no hope**. For **if we believe that Jesus died and rose again**, even so **them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him**. For this we say unto you

by the word of the Lord, that **we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**: Then **we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air**: and so **shall we ever be with the Lord**. Wherefore **comfort one another with these words**.”

Philippians 3:20-21, “**For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”

Colossians 3:1-4, “**If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory**.”

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12, “Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, **That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory**.”

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? **Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy**.”

2 Thessalonians 1:10, “When he shall come **to be glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) **in that day**.”

2 Thessalonians 2:14, “Whereunto he called you by our gospel, **to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ**.”

Hebrews 2:10, “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

1 Peter 1:7. “That the trial of your faith, being **much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ**:

1 John 3:1, “Behold, **what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is.”

Jude 1:24-26, “Now unto him that is **able to keep you from falling**, and **to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy**, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

**Glorified With Christ by Partaking of HIS Sufferings:**

Romans 8:17-18, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

2 Corinthians 4:17, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;”

1 Peter 4:13, “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

## **Glory in the Lord:**

1 Corinthians 1:27-31, “But **God hath chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, **hath God chosen**, yea, and **things which are not, to bring to nought things that are**: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

## **You are the SOUL that is BOUGHT with a Price:**

1 Corinthians 6:20, “For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**”

## **The Bride is Bought with the Price of the Precious Blood of Christ:**

1 Peter 1:18-19, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were **not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Ephesians 5:23-33, “For **the husband is the head** of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church**: and **he is the saviour of the body**. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing**; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

Genesis 2:23-24, “And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

1 Corinthians 15:45-50, “And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.** Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And **as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.** Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**”

Revelation 21:2, “And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**”

Revelation 21:9, “And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**”

Revelation 22:17, “And the Spirit and **the bride** say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, **let him take the water of life freely.**”

Romans 7:4, “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law **by the body of Christ;** that ye should be **married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead,** that we should bring forth fruit unto God.”

1 Corinthians 12:27, “Now **ye are the body of Christ,** and **members in particular.**”

Ephesians 4:12, “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ:**”

## **Because you are IN HIM who is Precious:**

1 Peter 2:4, “To whom coming, as unto **a living stone,** disallowed indeed of men, but **chosen of God,** and **precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood,** to offer up **spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.** Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone, elect, precious:** and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. **Unto you therefore which believe he is precious:** but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,”

2 Peter 1:1, “Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:**”

Revelation 21:11, “**Having the glory of God:** and **her light was like unto a stone most precious,** even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;”

Revelation 21:19, “And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of **precious stones.** The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;”

Galatians 4:22-31, “For it is written, that **Abraham had two sons,** the one by a **bondmaid,** the other by a **freewoman.** But he who was of the **bondwoman was born after the flesh;** but he of the **freewoman was**

by promise. **Which things are an allegory:** for **these are the two covenants;** the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to **bondage,** which is Agar. For **this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia,** and **answereth to Jerusalem** which now is, and **is in bondage with her children.** But **Jerusalem which is above is free,** which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. **Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.** But as then **he that was born after the flesh** persecuted him that was **born after the Spirit,** **even so it is now.** Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.** So then, brethren, **we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**”

## God’s Glory:

Proverbs 25:27, “It is not good to eat much honey: so for **men to search their own glory is not glory.**”

Isaiah 42:8, “I am the LORD: that is my name: and **my glory will I not give to another,** neither my praise to **graven images.**”

Jeremiah 9:23-24, “Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But **let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD** which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.”

Malachi 2:2, “**If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.**”

Malachi 4:4-6, “Remember ye the law of **Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, **lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.**

Romans 1:21, “Because that, **when they knew God, they glorified him not as God,** neither were **thankful;** but **became vain in their imagination,** and **their foolish heart was darkened.**

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