

The Promise I Make Disciples

In the Bible God made promises to mankind that we can put our faith and trust in Him.

The Bible says in Hebrews Chapter 6

1. God is faithful to bring about His promises
2. We can have confidence that God will do what He Promised
3. That our **hope** in the promises of God are anchors to our soul

3 Great Promises:

Salvation

Forgiveness

Eternal Life

1. Salvation

One of the Greatest Promises God made to mankind was that God was going to send a Savior – A Messiah, Jesus the Christ! Listen to what the angel said to the Shepherds on the Day Jesus was born!

*10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 **The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!** - Luke 2:10-11 (NLT)*

More Scriptures:

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, **but to save the world** through him. - John 3:17 (NIV)*

*"For the Son of Man has come **to seek and to save** that which was lost." - Luke 19:10*

*There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must **be saved**. - Acts 4:12 (NLT)*

From the beginning of Jesus' life to when he died on the cross to pay for our sins; Jesus is, and will ever be, the Savior of our Souls

Here is a **trustworthy** saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world **to save sinners...** - 1 Timothy 1:15

Truth #1: Jesus is the Savior of the World – Jesus came to save each and everyone of us!

Why do we need to be saved?

Whether we want to believe it or not, we are all sinners and we all need a Savior.

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. - Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)

1. We all need a Savior to save us from our sins, because we all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory!
2. God sent Jesus to earth to bear our sins on the Cross!
3. By the shedding of His blood, Jesus makes every believer righteous before God!

Reflect: How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus suffered for your sins?

Truth #2: We have all sinned and need a Savior.

8 God saved you **by his grace** when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 **Salvation** is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. - Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

**“There is No Heavenly Justice Scale
that determines our Salvation!”**

5 he saved us, **not** because of righteous things we had done, but **because of his mercy**. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, - Titus 3:5 (NLT)

- We are saved by Grace
- We are saved by God's Mercy

Truth #3: We are not saved by our works or good deeds but we are saved by the grace of God.

*9 If you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. - Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)*

1. Confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord (Lord = ruler, boss, or the one you obey)
 - a. To confess Jesus as Lord implies that with God's help you are willing to repent or turn away from your sins.
2. Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.
3. You will be saved!

Promise #1: Believe in and follow Jesus and you will be Saved

You are saved from what? Sin, hell, death, and the devil!

Saved for what? To honor and glorify God in all you do and to share His Love!

The Bible is clear: Confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead and you will be Saved!

2. Forgiveness

The Bible is clear we have all sinned and not even our goodness or our righteousness can take away our sins and guilt!

God promises:

Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. - Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)

Reflect: Can you believe it? Jesus makes you white as snow!

*In (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. - Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)*

Truth #4: Jesus' death on the Cross and the shedding of His blood purchased for us freedom and forgiveness!

*13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who **purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.** - Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT)*

Promise #2: When you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, He forgives you of all your sins!

How we stay forgiven:

*7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and **the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.** 8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we **confess our sins** to him, **he is faithful** and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. - 1 John 1:7-9 (NLT)*

When you come to God for Salvation, He forgives all your sins and gives you a clean slate! As we live in this world and we sin or compromise our faith we need to confess our sins to God and He will forgive us and cleanse us and make us spiritually whole again!

What do we do with the sins that we struggle with and commit in our daily lives?

- We run to God
- Confess our sins

Truth #5: As we confess our sins to God, He is faithful to forgive us of our sins, and cleanses us from all unrighteousness!

Take it further:

*16 **Confess your sins to each other** and pray for each other so **that you may be healed.** The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. - James 5:16 (NLT)*

In addition to confessing our sins to God for forgiveness, we are encouraged to confess our sins to people we trust so that we will be healed. When we take off the mask and

honestly share our struggles with mature believers, we will find the support and help to change and grow!

3. Eternal Life

Jesus came to Save us from our sins and give us the Gift of Eternal Life

*For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have **eternal life**. - John 3:16 (NLT)*

Believers will never perish, but will live forever!

*For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23 (NLT)*

*11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this **life is in his Son**. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. - 1 John 5:11-12 (NLT)*

*I have written this to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, so that **you may know** you have eternal life. - 1 John 5:13 (NLT)*

Truth #6: Eternal Life is a gift from God, we will live with Him forever in Heaven!

Notice what it says in 1 John 5:13: That you might know, not just hope, that you are going to heaven!

We believe that since Jesus bore all of our sins on the cross, and we have received forgiveness of sins, we more than hope we are going to heaven... we know we are saved! AND we know we have the gift of eternal life!

We are going to live forever in a place called heaven that we will call home. Heaven is full of beauty, joy, and peace. In heaven there is no more sorrow, crying, pain, sickness, evil or death, just the life and love of God forever!

Promise #3: All believers will live with God forever!

Take it further:

*Now this is eternal life: **that they know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. - John 17:3 (NIV)*

Eternal life is more than a destination, but a quality of life that we can begin to enjoy now! According to Jesus in John 17:3, eternal life is “knowing” God and the Son, Jesus Christ. By knowing God personally and enjoying Him while on this earth, we can experience an eternal, unending, richer, abundant kind of life every day!

Conclusion:

The Bible teaches for us to be strong followers of God we need to trust in God’s promises! What are the three promises we looked at in this lesson?

1. **Salvation**
 2. **Forgiveness**
 3. **Eternal Life**
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How can we put these truths into practice?

Salvation

- Have you trusted in Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?
- Have you decided to give up your own way and truly follow Him?
- Have you been Water Baptized as a public declaration of your faith?

Forgiveness

- Are there any sins you should have confessed to God but maybe you have held onto?
- Is there a person in your life that you can trust to confess your sins to?

Eternal Life

- Are you Saved? Is your hope for eternal life in Jesus? Or do you look elsewhere for life?
- Think about ways you can develop a deeper relationship with God to know Him better and experience the abundant life only He can give.

Be a Disciple Maker:

This Bible study is a gift to help you make disciples with people God is putting on your heart.

*18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20*

The Who:

- 1. Pray and ask God to put people in your heart that you are called to share with.**
- 2. Determining who your mission field is**

Don't make it hard:

- Who is before you?
- Who can benefit from it?
- Where are the open doors?

It could be your children, neighbors, co-worker, a friend, a senior, or a new friend!

The How:

Keep it simple: Ask someone if they would be willing to have you share what you are learning from God, and get together at home, a coffee shop, or the park! Discipleship happens over time, so try to get together once a week or every other week.

What can these times together look like?

Pray together, ask how you can pray for them, listen for what God is doing in their life and encourage them in that. Share the Bible Study and ask what stood out to them and see how God will use it to help them grow!

Remember: The goal is never to just finish the Bible Study. The goal is to reach their hearts with the Love of Jesus!