

Situation Specific Promises

God has given us everything we need for life and godliness (1 Peter 1:3) but sometimes it is difficult to bring to mind scripture when we are in the heat of a struggle. If you are a believer, these are just a few of the promises that we can stand on when we encounter difficulty, trial and pain.

TEMPTATION: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

ASSURANCE IN TRIAL: ROMANS 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

GOD WITH YOU: PSALMS 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

GOD IS CHANGING YOU: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

GOD PROTECTS US FROM THE ENEMY: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

GOD'S GRACE IS ALWAYS SUFFICIENT: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

THE SHIELD OF FAITH WILL EXTINGUISH ALL THE FLAMING MISSILES OF THE EVIL ONE: EPHESIANS 6:16

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.

THE PEACE OF GOD CAN RULE THROUGH PRAYER: PHILIPPIANS 4:5B-7

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME: PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

ETERNAL SECURITY IN CHRIST: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WE CAN COME TO HIM AT ALL TIMES AND RECEIVE MERCY AND GRACE: HEBREWS 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

TRIAL IS BEING USED BY GOD TO REFINE US: JAMES 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL: JAMES 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

HOW TO HANDLE ANXIETY, WITH THE PROMISE GOD CARES: 1 PETER 5:6,7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

THE DARKNESS ISN'T TOO GREAT: JOHN 1:5, PSALM 139:11-12

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

HE IS WITH ME IN TROUBLE: PSALM 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Who am I?

If we are believers in Jesus Christ, we are given a new identity. An identity based on Christ and His righteousness. As believers in Jesus we are not defined by our past or our sin.

EPHESIANS 1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

What are some of the promises that are ours because Jesus is alive?

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- God is not now angry with me
- God is now my father
- God will never punish me for sins
- God will work out His perfect will in my life despite my failings
- I can go to Him again and again asking for forgiveness
- I was made alive when I was dead
- I have forgiveness from God
- I have the Indwelling of the Spirit (God with us)
- I have adoption as a son or daughter
- I will rise from the dead
- Good will triumph over evil
- I can trust Jesus
- I am dead to sin—it does not reign
- I have proof of future perfection
- I have proof of future resurrection
- God will revive His church
- He hears my prayers
- God upholds me when I am weak
- God is close to me in trials
- He makes all things work together for my good
- I am adopted into God's family—for keeps
- God will protect me from remaining sin
- God will protect me until the end
- God will protect me from Satan
- I have an eternal inheritance
- I have hope in this life and the life to come
- God works in me and for me
- God will provide for my needs even when I am short on cash
- I will have a new body one day
- I have new hopes in a new world
- I have new hopes in a world that is not my home

- I have new feelings for the One who loves me
- I have new possessions that can never be taken away
- God will always love me despite my actions
- I don't have to play at religion
- I have no guilt
- I have no shame
- I have all love
- He will be with me always—to the end

OTHER RESOURCES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH GOSPEL TRUTH:

Who am I? Identity in Christ by Jerry Bridges

Living The Cross-Centered Life by CJ Mahaney

A Gospel Primer for Christians by Milton Vincent

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