**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment II – *“Enjoying the Privileges”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #19 “God’s Precious Promises”**

**Reading the Bible in A Year**

**Progress Reports**

**Discussion Questions**

* **How would you define a promise?**
* **Why do we make promises?**
* **What makes or breaks a promise?**

**Core Passage – II Peter 1:1-4**

* Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, through the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 2Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us through His own glory and excellence. 4For through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

**II Peter 1:1 - Highlights**

* Faith – *pistin* – c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Received – *laxousin – aor act part -* obtain as a g\_\_\_\_\_\_ of f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Same kind – *isotimos* – equal in value, privilege, rank or status - similar q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* In the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – rightfulness and truthfulness
* Our God and Savior, Jesus Christ – language stresses Jesus as b\_\_\_\_\_\_ God and Savior

**II Peter 1:2 - Highlights**

* Grace – God’s u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ favor
* Peace – s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or absence of d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Multiplied – expand in great measure, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Knowledge *– e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* – a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and f\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Our God and Jesus our Lord – kupios – the language stresses Jesus as b\_\_\_\_\_\_ God and Savior

**II Peter 1:3 - Highlights**

* In light of – as, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Divine – of God’s n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Power – *dunamis* – capability, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power or power i\_\_ action
* Granted – *doreomai* - perf mid part – given freely without cost or s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attached, special favor, welcome b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, blessing
* Pertaining - as to, r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to
* Life – all things a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with life
* Godliness – piety that is associated with v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, authentic spirituality rooted in one’s relationship with God; as opposed to outward r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ observance
* Through– proceeding from, marking as the a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or instrument
* The knowledge of Him – g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knowledge
* Called – aor act part – invite or s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Through – by way of (a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
* Glory – r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fullness of divinity
* Excellence – s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of character q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II Peter 1:4 - Highlights**

* By way of these – as the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of
* He (also) granted – perf ind mid – (same v. 3) given freely without cost or strings attached, special favor, welcome benefit, b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Magnificent – superlative, the very b\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Precious – *timeos* – i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Promises – an undertaking to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from specific actions ; an announcement of one’s intention
* That you might become – aor subjunctive mid – enter into
* Partakers – *koinonos* – (common) s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, participants
* Divine nature – e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, make-up
* Escaped – *apofeugo -* aor act part – e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ completely
* The corruption – “The word denotes not a sudden destruction by an outward influence (like a t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), but rather a disintegration through an internal decay and spoiling (like c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), hence putrefaction…”
* In the world – *kosmos –* the e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ context of sinful human affairs in alienation/opposition to God/h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* By lust – *epithumia* – strong and intense desire (p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) associated with the world/kosmos

**Passage Concepts**

* Believers have a faith is of similar v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as that of the apostles, Jesus’ inner circle
* This is ours t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness of God our savior
* This full knowledge of God m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grace and peace in our lives
* Flowing out of this true knowledge of God, He has p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bestowed upon us everything s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to life and authentic spirituality
* We are i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this bounty through His excellent glory and His glorious excellence
* By way of His glorious excellence, He has also granted to us s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promises e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our faith
* These promises enable us
  + To escape the lustful decadence (spiritual c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) and corruption (moral p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) of the world that lures and pulls us away from God
  + To become s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His divine n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **God’s Work** | **Our Benefits** |
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| **Through the R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God** | **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Faith** |
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| **Through the K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God** | **G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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| **Through His D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **All Things N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Life + Godliness** |
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| **Through His Own G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Promises** |
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| **Through His P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the World – P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Genuine Spirituality** |

**Summary**

* The promises of God are specific declarations for believers that bind Him to either perform specific actions for their benefit or to refrain from specific actions that would be to their detriment.

**Concept 19**

* The promises of God are stepping stones that liberate us from the bondage of the miry corruption of the world and guide us into the freedom and purity of true spirituality.

**Next Week: Concept 20**

* “God’s Empowering Promises”