

The Gift: God's Promises

God has granted to us everything we need for life and godliness through knowing Christ and trusting in His all-sufficient promises. I would be here all day if I listed all the verses that give the promises we have in Christ. Here are a few:

- God promises that in Christ, we are all sufficient in all things at all times, to abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).
- God promises that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us, for His power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- God promises every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).
- God promises comfort in our afflictions and trials (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
- God promises to finish the work He started in us (Philippians 1:6).
- God promises peace when we pray (Philippians 4:6-7).
- God promises to not let us be tempted beyond our ability and He promises to provide a way of escape for us to be able to endure temptations (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- Jesus promises that we can do all things through Him who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13)
- God promises abundant wisdom if we ask (James 1:5).
- God promises to work all things out for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28).
- God promises to supply our needs as we seek His kingdom and His righteousness. Not that we get everything we *want*, but our *needs* will be taken care of (Matthew 6:33, Philippians 4:19).
- Jesus promises rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28-30).
- Jesus promises abundant life to those who follow Him (John 10:10).

- Jesus promises to hold us securely: “No one will snatch them out of my hand” (John 10:28).
- God promises us that nothing will be able to separate us from His love in Christ (Romans 8:39)

Do you see that these promises have a qualification? You must be “in Christ” to receive them. They are not available to all people. Many of these promises carry a condition. We need to be “in Christ”. If you are “in Christ”, you have these promises – these gifts of God.

Are you trusting in these promises? Or have you put these promises in a box and not opened them? Are they on the shelf? I challenge you to meditate on these promises, enjoy the good gifts and promises of God!