

## God's Greatest Promises

*John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

*John 6:47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.*

*Ephesians 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved—*

*Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:28-30 <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

**Key Point:** Because God is perfectly faithful, believers can trust Him with both their eternity and their present circumstances.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What plans do you have for this summer, or what activities/events are you looking forward to?

**Reflect, Think, & Share:** Read through the key scriptures and share any observations or questions with the group.

- What differences do you notice between what Jesus said in John 5:24, and John 6:47?
- Jesus says believers “have everlasting life” right now. How should the present reality of eternal life change the way Christians live, think, and face difficult circumstances?
- What do you think Jesus meant by saying that believers “have passed from death to life?” What does it mean to be spiritually dead apart from Christ, and what changes when someone is made alive in Him?
- Why is freedom from condemnation such an important part of the gospel?
- Why do you think Paul says in Romans 8:38–39 that “I am persuaded”? Which part of Paul’s statement about God’s love encourages or challenges you the most? Why?
- What thoughts or feelings come to mind when you read Romans 8:28?
- Kyle listed what he thought were the two greatest promises God gave us in scripture. What other promises in the Bible would say are great promises? Share any that you are holding to. Below are a few.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Guidance

Isaiah 41:10 – God is with you and will protect you

Hebrews 13:5 – God will never leave or forsake you

Philippians 4:6-7 – He will guard your hearts and minds from anxiety

Mark 11:24 – what you ask for, you will receive

Acts 16:30-31 – how to be saved from your sins

2 Corinthians 5:17 – A new creation in Christ

Philippians 1:6 – God won’t stop half way in making you like Jesus

Matthew 6:26 - provision

Hebrews 6:18-19 – God can’t lie, so we have a hopeful anchor in his promises

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 – God transforms our affliction to reward in heaven

**Start doing:** Choose a promise that you need to remember, and begin collecting verses that solidify that promise over this summer. Plan on sharing some of them with your small group over summer break.

**Prayer: Pray for deeper trust in God’s promises.** Do you have any specific decisions or areas of life where you could use prayer from others asking God to guide you? If you feel comfortable, share these issues with your study group so that they can pray with you and for you.

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