

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [John 12:27-33](#).
- B. We like for a man's word to be his bond.
- C. Jesus was the best at keeping His word. He made many promises and kept them all.
- D. Tonight, six places in Scripture, where He said, "I will." We can put our faith in these promises.

I. "I WILL" NOT CAST OUT.

- A. John 6:37.
["All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."](#)
- B. Jesus promises salvation to sinner that comes to Him, on His terms. One may have a life that is deep in sin. Saul of Tarsus was the chief of sinners (1Tim. 1:15), but the grace of God made him free.
- C. In the world you might try to join club, lodge, etc., and be blackballed; but not so with X.
- D. Jesus refused no one! All get rest (Mt. 11:28-30).
["Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."](#)
- E. Notice the following promises:
 - 1. Jesus confesses everyone before the Father that confesses Him (Mt. 10:30).
["But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."](#)
 - 2. Everyone who has left all for Jesus will receive blessings and eternal life (Mt. 19:29).
["And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life."](#)
 - 3. Everyone who asks receives, who seeks finds, etc (Lk. 11:10).
["For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened."](#)
 - 4. Everyone is blessed who eats bread in the kingdom of God (Lk. 14:15).
["And when one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"](#)
 - 5. Everyone who beholds and believes has eternal life (Jn. 6:40).
["For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."](#)
 - 6. Everyone who believes (obeys) shall never die (Jn. 11:25-26).
[Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"](#)
 - 7. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Ac. 2:21).
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II. "I WILL" BUILD MY CHURCH.

- A. Matthew 16:18.
["And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it."](#)
- B. Let's review this setting. Jesus asked the apostles about the people, "Who do men say I am?" Then Jesus asked the apostles, "But who do you say that I am?"
 - 1. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God."
 - 2. This confession is the foundation rock of the church, upon it... "I will build my church."
- C. The church was built just as Jesus wanted it:
 - 1. Its foundation is X (1Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20).
[\(1Cor 3:11\) For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.](#)
[\(Eph 2:20\) ...having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,](#)

2. Its head is X (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).
(Eph 1:22-23) And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, **23** which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.
(Col 1:18) He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.
3. The church is made up of Xians (Ac. 11:26).
 ...and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.
4. The church has various ministries in its organization (1Cor. 12:28).
 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.
5. Notice the various things about those in the church in 1Cor.1:2:
 ...to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:
 - a. They belong to God.
 - b. They have been sanctified in X.
 - c. They are saints.
 - d. They have been called.
 - e. They call upon X the Lord.
6. It is the church that is to preach the gospel to the lost (Eph. 3:10).
 in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.
- C. From the establishment of this church, lively stones are being added (1Pet. 2:4-5).
 And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God, **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- D. The gates of Hades (death) shall not prevail against the church that Jesus built.

III. "I WILL" SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. John 16:7.
 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."
- B. When He suggested leaving, the apostles had sadness.
 1. But Jesus promised the HS to comfort them.
 2. He (the HS) would guide them (the apostles) into all truth.
- C. Promise was fulfilled in Acts 2. The apostles could perform miracles, speak in tongues, and recall all that Jesus told them during His earthly ministry.
- D. All of this was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel (Joel 2:28-32).
- E. Men and women today receive the HS when they are baptized (Ac. 2:38; 3:19; 5:32).
(Ac 2:38) And Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
(Ac 3:19) "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;
(Ac 5:32) "And we are witnesses of these things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

IV. "I WILL" RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF.

- A. John 14:3.
 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also."
- B. Two promises here:
 1. Jesus says that He will come again.
 2. Christ will at that time receive the faithful unto Himself.

- C. Jesus will come again (Mt. 24:27; 25:31-34; 1Th. 4:13-18; 1Cor. 15:23-24):
 (Mt. 24:27) "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be."
 (Mt 25:31-34) "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. **32** "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; **33** and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. **34** "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
 (1Th 4:13-18) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.
 (1Cor 15:23-24) But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, **24** then *comes* the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.
- D. Our faith often gets weak then look to heaven. He will come and bring something better.

V. "I WILL" DRAW YOU TO ME.

- A. John 12:32.
 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."
- B. This is the magnetic power of Christ (Jn. 6:44-45).
 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. **45** "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me."
- C. Where did this drawing power come from? From the cross.
- D. Regardless of race, color, or geographical location, this drawing power is present.

VI. "I WILL" BE WITH YOU.

- A. Matthew 28:20.
 "teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- B. Makes this promise as part of the great commission. This promise projected to all ages.
- C. When we go out to preach and to work: He will be with us. Task may seem impossible, but He'll be with us.
- D. This promise has kept many missionaries going. We must be willing to step out by faith.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Remember, X has done so much. He has made many promises. He will keep these promises!
- B. Have you let Him help you?
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring-Xians.