

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **2Peter 1:2-4**.
- B. Someone who has counted said there are 8,810 promises found in the Bible.
- C. These promises are found from God to man, some from man to God and others from man to man.
Some of the promises are conditional and some are unconditional (2Pet. 1:4).
For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
- D. Deuteronomy 30 is a chapter filled with conditional promises. In essence, Moses tells the people; "Do God's will and He will bless you, do not God's will and He will curse you." An example of an unconditional promise would be found in 2Pet. 3:9.
The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

SEVEN PROMISES TO TAKE COMFORT IN.

- A. **One, there is a promise for the lonely** (Heb. 13:5).
Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"
Especially at Xmas time loneliness is a problem. It is a problem in nursing homes, hospitals, and in societies that say "don't get involved."
- B. **Two, there is a promise for the burdened** (1Pet. 5:7; Mt. 11:28-30).
(1Pet 5:7) ...casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.
(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."
Jesus wants to carry our load so that we don't have to. We are not strong enough to do it by ourselves.
- C. **Three, there is a promise for the guilty** (1Jn. 2:1; 1:7).
(1Jn 2:1) My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
(1Jn 1:7) ...but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
Sin is the number one problem, no one is immune from the clutches of sin and the guilt it causes. There is only one answer: Jesus and our obedience to Him.
- D. **Four, there is a promise for the needy** (Phil. 4:19).
And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
God has always promised to meet our needs. The only questions that need to be asked are; is it needed and is it right?
- E. **Five, there is a promise for the troubled** (Jn. 14:27; Rom. 8:28).
(Jn 14:27) "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."
(Rom 8:28) And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
Life itself can be very scary. So many things can hurt, damage and ruin we can become very fearful of the present and the future.
- F. **Six, there is a promise for those who are uncertain** (1Jn. 5:13; Rom. 8:1, 16).
(1Jn 5:13) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.
(Rom 8:1) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
(Rom 8:16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,...
Salvation is not guesswork or a gamble. We can know where we stand with God.

- G. Seven, there is a promise for the **rejected** (Jn. 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.”

We may be rejected by men for one reason or another, but will not be cast aside by Jesus when we come to Him.

CONCLUSION & INVITATION.

- A. There are a host of other precious promises that give solidarity and hope to our lives.
- B. The promises listed above should lend inspiration to all to renew, rededicate and press on toward the upward call.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; for erring Xians.