

OUR FATHER: GOD OF PROMISE AND PROVISION

2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:14-15

... “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away: behold, new things have come.” **2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB**

... “so if any man is in Christ he is in a new world.” **Basic English Translation**

... “for neither is a circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.”
Galatians 6:15 NASB

... “for neither is circumcision nor the omission of it anything, but a new nature is everything.” **20th Century Translation**

... “a new creation – the result of a new birth and a new nature in Christ Jesus.”
Amplified Bible

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” **John 3:1-7 NASB**

- Promises are different than the accomplished work of Jesus.
 - Promises may have terms, conditions, timing, etc. associated with them.
 - The outcome of the finished work of Jesus is not this way. Let’s look at what the Bible says is true of you and me now.
 - We are born of the Spirit (**John 3:5-6** – see above)
 - We are one spirit with Him.

But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. **1 Corinthians 5:17 NASB**

- We live in Him and He lives in us.

For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your [own] poets have said, For we are also His offspring. **Acts 17:28 AMPC**

- We are in Him and He is life to us.

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. **1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB**

- Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. **Galatians 2:20 NASB**

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3 NASB

- We are seated with Him in heavenly places.

Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:5-6 NASB**

- We are blessed, loved, and blameless in Him.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:1-6 NASB

- Now we are free from the law of sin and death.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:1-2 NASB

- We are in the Spirit.

⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. Romans 8:6-9

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- We are one with Him and cannot be separated from Him.

³⁷ Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39

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- The hope of glory is in us.

²⁶ The mystery of which was hidden for ages and generations [from angels and men], but is now revealed to His holy people (the saints), ²⁷ To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within and among you, the Hope of [realizing the] glory. ²⁸ Him we preach and proclaim, warning and admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), that we may present every person mature (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) in Christ (the Anointed One). Colossians 1:26-28 AMPC

- All things that pertain to life and godliness are ours.

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. **2 Peter 1:2-4 NASB**

- Recognizing, living in and trusting in who He is and who we are in Him will empower us to cooperate with the Lord to see our promises fulfilled.
 - Our finding our identity and living from that reality causes us to live in the spirit and recognize God's goodness to us experientially. The results of His finished work in our lives prepares us for the realization of our heart desires and the fullness of His words to us.
 - The lion was born a king and to be a king. We are born again; born from above to be all He has destined for us to be.

... "Christ has taken our nature into Heaven to represent us; and left us on earth with His nature to represent Him." ***John Newton***

"Now...the righteous man shall live by faith." **Galatians 3:11**

- Living by faith is a 'now' reality...let's live in the 'now' provision of His finished work as we actively await the fruition of His promises to us.
- God is a promise giver and a promise keeper.

For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore, also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. **2 Corinthians 1:20 NASB**

"You cannot starve a man who is feeding on God's promises." ***Anonymous***

"The greatness of the Promiser enhances greatness of the promises." ***A.R. Fausset***

"God's promises are, virtually, obligations that He imposes upon Himself." ***F.W. Krummacher***

"My own weakness makes me shrink, but God's promises make me brave..." ***C.H. Spurgeon***

"God's promises are sealed to us, but not dates..." ***Susanna Wesley***

“Christ is the fulfiller and fulfillment of all the promises of God because He is the sum and substance of them...” ***Geoffrey B Willson***