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fulfilled in the days of Joshua. “*And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it and dwelt therein*” (Joshua 21:43; See also 21:45). Many other examples of God’s fulfilled promises are found in the Bible.

Another promise made by God is found in Hebrews 9:15 which reads, “*And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*” John writes, “*And this is the promise that He has promised us — eternal life*” (1 John 2:25). Can we with confidence “stand” on this promise of God? Will He fulfill this promise to His faithful? Absolutely! The faithful Paul affirmed that he had fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith and with confidence stated, “*Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing*” (2 Timothy 4:7-8). How could Paul be so confident? Because, in his life, Paul was standing upon the promises of God. This is evident by his willing submission to the will of God as he fought the good fight, finished the course and kept the faith.

Dear reader, are you standing on the promises of God? Such a position is shown in loving obedience to God’s Word in faithful and constant service.

COME VISIT WITH US

Sunday Servies

Bible Classes 10:00 am
AM Worship 10:45 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
“Study of Mark”

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM
“The New Life in Christ”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“Never Too Old To Conquer
A Mountain”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of Ruth”



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NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY *By Jonnie Hutchison*

In a religiously divided world with so many religious groups teaching conflicting doctrines, it is difficult to encourage people to return to the simple view of Christianity found in the Bible. New Testament Christianity is that which Jesus instituted when He shed His precious blood on a Roman cross (Colossians 2:14-16; Ephesians 2:14-17; Hebrews 8:7; 10:9-10). When Jesus ate the Passover with His apostles He instituted the Lord’s Supper. He said of the cup, “This is my blood of the **new covenant** which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28). This “new covenant” or “new testament” is the law of Christ and the pattern of New Testament Christianity.

Faithful churches of Christ plead for a return to original Christianity. We plead for every person to forsake the “doctrines and commandments of men” and return to the New Testament for every belief and practice. In Jesus’ day, the Jews had embraced many teachings and practices that were never authorized by God. Jesus said of such man-made teachings, “*These people draw near to*

Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” (Matthew 15:8-9).

It would do well for each person to examine what he or she is believing and practicing in religion to make sure it is according to the divine pattern of original Christianity revealed in the New Testament, and not merely the religious traditions originated by men. Follow the example found in Acts 17:11 of the noble Bereans who searched the scriptures daily to determine if what they were being taught was true.

Don’t be deceived. Return to the divine pattern for the organization of the church, for how to worship acceptably, and for the exact instructions one must follow to receive the remission of sins and the hope of eternal life. The New Testament is God’s divine pattern for all of these things. Follow it and you will be on absolutely safe ground.

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie HERNON and Trish Puckett.

WTIME CHANGE Our PM worship services will be moved to 6:00 pm beginning this evening.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES continues Monday, April 28 , through May 19th. Time is 7—9 pm in the annex.

PANTRY ITEMS APRIL 2025: 6-Vienna Sausages; 13-Salad Dressing; 20-Salt; 27-Spaghetti Sauce.

APRIL 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: 13—Jackie & Don Spiceland.
BIRTHDAYS: 1—Tina Canter; 24—Dave Thompson; 27—Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall.

THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 2025

Announcements: James Pigg
Preside at Lord’s Table: Mike E. & Jimmy C.
Lord’s Table PM: 6-Mike; 13-Jimmy; 20-Mike; 27-Jimmy
Opening Prayer AM: 6-Bobby; 13-Jonnie; 20-Russell; 27-Perry
Closing Prayer AM: 6-Roy;13-Dave; 20-Jesse; 27-Junior
Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Chad; Wed Mike
Count Contribution: Mike & Jimmy

AS CHILDREN OF GOD, MAY WE HELP AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO ...

- **REMEMBER** what this life is all about—Ecclesiastes 12:13; Philippians 1:21.
- **RESPECT** the authority of the Lord & His Word—Colossians 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17.
- **REJOICE** in the Lord and His blessings—Philippians 4:4; Ephesians 1:3.
- **REALIZE** our need to worship God—Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:24-26.
- **REPENT** when we have sinned—Acts 3:19; 17:30-31.
- **RESIST** the devil—James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9.
- **RESOLVE** to grow “spiritually stronger” - 2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:18.
- **RUN** the “Christian race” with endurance Hebrews 12:1-5.

-- Jerry Joseph

STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

By Jonnie Hutchison

The title of this article comes from an old song which has been sung down through many years in churches of Christ. The first stanza of the song is: “Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thro’ eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.” One who sings these words and means what he sings trusts in the promises that God has made. To be “standing on the promises of God” is not only to have complete assurance in their fulfillment, but to live one’s life in faithful service to the One who made those promises.

God has already fulfilled many of the promises He has made to mankind in the past. God promised to Abraham that through his seed all nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18). The Bible shows that Abraham believed God’s promise and that the promise was fulfilled through Jesus Christ (Romans 4:1ff; Gal. 3:5-9, 16-18).

God promised to give to Abraham’s seed the promised land of Canaan stating specifically what area the promise included (Genesis 15:18-20). This land promise was

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