

## Standing On the Promises of God

Nearing his death, the apostle Peter reminded his Gentile audience they had been given "exceedingly great and precious promises."

He said they received these promises so they could "be partakers of the divine nature ..." (2 Peter 1:4).

As with the Gentiles, we have been given these same precious promises so that we might also be partakers of the divine nature.

We depend on the promises of God to direct our transformation from a carnal being into a spiritual one. We do our part by letting God's truth impress, guide, direct, judge and adjust our motivations, thoughts and actions. Then God will handle the rest.

How is it possible for us overcome Satan? God promises if we submit to Him and resist the devil, the devil will flee from us. (James 4:7).

In a world that measures success by what one attains, how can we avoid the pitfalls of covetousness, greed and pride? God promises if we seek His kingdom and His righteousness first, He will supply what we need to live. (Matthew 6:33).

Confronted by conflicting advice and council, how can we gain wisdom to conduct ourselves? God promises His "testimony" can make the simple into wise. (Psalm 19:7). He promises our trusting prayer for wisdom will be granted. (James 1:5).

Peter wrote that God gives us "all things that pertain to life and godliness." (2 Peter 1:3). We truly stand on the Promises of God.

- Brian Beck, *The Seeker*, Avenue N Church of Christ, Rosenberg, TX

### The Worm in the Apple

How does a worm get in the apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrowed in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside? But how does he get in there? Simple. An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Later the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through one's thoughts and actions. For this reason David once wrote, "create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).

-The Seeker, Rosenberg, TX-



### ◆ Broken Toys ◆

As children bring their broken toys  
With tears for us to mend,  
I brought my broken dreams to God,  
Because He was my friend.  
But then instead of leaving Him  
In peace to work alone,  
I hung around and tried to help,  
With ways that were my own.  
At last I snatched them back and cried,  
"How can you be so slow?"  
"My child," He said,  
"What could I do? You never did let go."

- Author Unknown -



*Beware of the rubber conscience and the concrete heart.*

### News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Russell Martin and family at the sudden passing of his niece, Russella Mills. Also, to the family and friends of Mary Lancaster at her passing. Mary was a member of this congregation when she lived here.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Canceled for Tuesday, May 18th. Resumes next week.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit.

**CHESTER'S FRIDAY NIGHT SING:** June 4th at 7:00 p.m. Plan to be here!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 14th-18th. Adult Class: Ed Melott.

**POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME:** Money donations or the following grocery items are needed by the week of June 20, 2010: *White Rice, Italian Salad Dressing, Lysol Spray, D Batteries, and Cheerios*. See Jerry Shultz for details.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** West Canton - - - - - June 20-24 - - - - - F. Higginbotham

**CAMP:** June 28th-July 3rd.

**BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION:** Help Mid-Western Children's Home. See the bulletin board for details and sample labels to save. A basket is available for collection of the labels.

**THOSE WITH MEDICAL CONCERNS:** Melissa Barr (daughter of Melvin & Charlotte Reed), Bob Cyphers, Marlene Evans, Helen Hornbeck, Bobby Sheville, Shirley Beagle, Rosie Moore, Marilyn Miller, Rich Robinson, Harry Nice. **In Iowa:** Jack Board. **Check the bulletin board for others who are shut in.**

## THE BIBLE

A mother once gave her son a Bible and wrote these words inside the flyleaf: "This Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Bible." How true those words are. When we take the time to study our Bible then we become more focused on living a righteous life before God. The Bible says: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). We cannot know how to properly divide God's Word unless we do study.

On the other hand if we go about life living for ourselves, not caring about what God's will for us is, then we will get caught up in sin and serve Satan. Everyone of us holds the key to life not only in this life but in eternity. That key is the Bible. Have you picked up the Bible lately, to study it, so that you will not be ashamed when your final day on this earth comes? Don't let sin keep you from God's Word!

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