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## 2 Corinthians 7: The Overflow of Promise

Introductory Statement: In chapter 7 of this letter to the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul, further highlights a Word of Promise from God, our Father, and the outgrowth of such promise that is believed and planted in the hearts of Believers.

### Summary Points:

- What makes a promise a promise?
- On what basis is this promise made?
- What is the stated promise referenced in this passage?
- To what extent does this promise impact the life of the Believer?
- What is the response of a Believer to a promise from God?

*Objectives: During our study we will explore the implications and applications of a promise, when it is made from God, and received by those to whom it is made.*

### **THE FOUNDATION (Review)**

#### **What Promise?**

2. Paul's message in chapter 6 continues in chapter 7.
  - a. The original letters did not have chapters -  
2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 7:1 (NLT)
  - b. The Promise
    - i. God's Presence - I will walk among you (Leviticus 26:12)



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- ii. God's Personal Relationship - I will be your God
  - iii. God's Ownership - You will be my people (Ezekiel 37:27)
  - iv. God's Hospitality - I will welcome you (Ezekiel 20:34 – Greek)
  - v. God's Parenting - I will be a father to you (2 Samuel 7:14)
  - vi. God's Seed - You will be my sons and daughters
- c. The Significance of a Promise
- i. Definition (Epaggelia Greek)
    - (a) summons; promise; announcement of what is fitting (appropriate)
    - (b) An appropriate, sanctioned, summons guaranteed by His Own Eternal Law (Being)
    - (c) An announcement...A divine assurance of good
  - ii. A promise is only as good as its progenitor and guarantor
    - (a) One who is of Good Character (Isaiah 45:5)
    - (b) One who has Integrity (alignment of Thoughts, Words, Actions)
      - (1) God thinks (Psalm 40:17; 139:17; 1 Corinthians 2:1)
      - (2) God Speaks/God Moves (Genesis 1 ) (Psalm 138:2)
    - (c) One who has a Reputable history (Isaiah 44:6-8) (Job 38:1-15)



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- (d) One who accepts the Responsibility/Obligation to perform an action
- iii. A promise is always about the future, but it is not a forecast
  - (a) An agreement between 1 or more parties
- iv. The value of a promise is not to be confused with the value of the action being promised (author unknown)
  - a) Inherent value – likelihood of it being fulfilled
  - b) Intrinsic value – multiplication of
    - (1) feasibility of the promised action (is it possible)
    - (2) intention of promise originator to fulfill the promise (Integrity)
    - (3) ability of the promise giver to implement the promised action (competence)
- d. The Terms of the Promise
  - i. Accept a provided relationship with the Father (God), through His Son Jesus the Christ (God), by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit (God)
    - a) Jesus has already done the work; satisfied any conditions

## **THE ENTREE**

**BECAUSE OF THE COMPLETE WORK OF JESUS, THE CHRIST, AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FATHER'S PROMISES IN HIM, AT WORK IN US, THE OUT-WORKING OF THOSE PROMISES WILL FLOW AS WE ALLOW THEM**

1. Paul describes the Overflow of the reality of HIS Active Promises in the Believer's life 2 Corinthians 7:1
  - a. Bring Holiness to completion



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- i. God does the initial work of setting Believers apart unto Himself (separate, unique, different – sanctification)
    - ii. The response of the Believer – align our thoughts & actions with the work of His Promises (participation)
  - b. Cleanse ourselves from all that can defile our bodies or spirits
    - i. Cleanse – greek Katharizo' (purify, removing all admixture (intermingling of filth); free from the defilement of sin and from faults)
    - ii. Defile – greek Molusmos' (staining, pollution, immorality, filthiness)
    - iii. This action stems from Reverence/Respect toward the Promise Giver (see chapter 6)
2. Paul rejoices over the work that the Father is doing in and through the Believers
  - a. Keep Your Hearts Open toward us, even during correction
    - i. 2 Corinthians 7:2-7(NLT)
  - b. God will provide encouragement during times of discouragement
  - c. God's Promise in you will need to be stirred
    - i. My letter delivered by Titus was painful...for a little while  
2 Corinthians 7:8-12
    - ii. The letter worked it's intended purpose – provoke you to allow the overflow of His Promise to manifest in your life...
      - (a) Change the course on which you were traveling.
3. Your actions to change and live out of the Promise encourages others  
2 Corinthians 7:13-16 (NLT)



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## **The Dessert**

- Are you aware of your Father's promises to you? If not, please search the scriptures and find out what He has committed Himself to do for you
- Is the Father working with you to manifest His promises through your life? Is the Holy Spirit highlighting individuals, areas, or things from which He wants you to "remove admixtures"?
- Has the Father used someone to remind you of His Promises concerning who you are, and you've felt sorrow, hurt, or offended?
- Remember this: "...the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. Wordly sorrow (which doesn't produce change) results in spiritual death"
- Are you ready to live in the Overflow of Promise?
  - Repent
  - Receive HIS forgiveness
  - Accept HIS Gifts of the Holy Spirit and His Promises
  - Expect HIS Goodness in your life

