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“Promises”

“... [God.] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” (2 Peter 1:4)

The Promise

Ezekiel 36:26-27 – (26) “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (27) And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

John 14:16-17 – (16) “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

Acts 1:4-5 – (4) “And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, ‘you heard from me; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’”

Galatians 3:13-14 – (13) “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’— (14) so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

Key Point: The Holy Spirit is The Point of Life

Degenerate to Regenerate

Titus 3:3-6 – (3) “For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. (4) But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, (5) he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,”

Response:

(1) Keep the Spirit in Mind

“To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” (Romans 8:6)

(2) Bless others by the Holy Spirit

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

(Galatians 5:13-16)

(3) Do not Grieve your closest companion

“And do not grieve (*sadden, burden*) the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

What is the greatest gift God provided for humanity? (John 14:16-17)

What tends to grieve the Holy Spirit most? (Eph. 4:29-31;

James 3:13-17; 1 Peter 1:22-23)