

Promises, Promises Part 2

“The Promise to the Church”

Revelation 19:7-10

God is God and I am not and I am committed to be a witness of Him in both Word and Deed”

Introduction: Last week we open this series with a message about the Messianic promise of God.

- A. It is the promise that all the other promises of God hinge on.
- The promise that we can have a relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ is the foundation for everything else we know as Christians.

- So before we continue this look at God’s promises I want to reiterate two things.

First: The ability to keep a promise rest in the power to accomplish it.

- **And God’s power is absolute.**

Second: Although not necessary, for God owes us nothing, God has proven that He is faithful as we have seen many of God’s promises come to pass.

- **God has left no room to doubt His power and His faithful to His own will and power!**

Transition: Upon the promise of Christ rest God’s promise to the church.

- A. Before I read you the text this morning let me share with you what’s going on leading to this passage.

1. John has been given this vision of things that are going to take place in the future.

- He has seen the judgments of God
- He has seen great tribulation
- He has the wrath of God pour out

➤ Now he has victory of the lamb of God Rev. 17:14 "These will wage ^(A)war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will ^(B)overcome them, because He is ^(C)Lord of lords and ^(D)King of kings, and ^(E)those who are with Him(that’s us the church) are the ^(E)called and chosen and faithful."

- Did you hear the power in those words The Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings and somebody is going to be with Him: The called, the chosen, and the faithful.

- What a promise, I have difficulty moving on from there because of the awesomeness of the promise of the Lamb of God.
 - When we come to our text this morning John is seeing the end of the end.
- John is seeing the promise of God for His church come to its fullness.

= Let me quickly share with you this awesome promise God has for the church of Jesus Christ: The called, the chosen and the faithful.

READ: Revelation 19:7-10

- The word marriage in verse 7 is the Greek word “Gamos” it is the celebration of marriage.
 - God has promised the church that we are the bride of Christ and there will be a day when there will be a great celebration of the relationship between Christ the redeemer and the church His bride.
 - ¹Then I saw ^(A)a new heaven and a new earth; for ^(B)the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
 - ²And I saw ^(C)the holy city, ^(D)new Jerusalem, ^(E)coming down out of heaven from God, ^(E)made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, ^(G)the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will ^(H) dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them^[a],
 - ⁴and He will ^(I)wipe away every tear from their eyes; and ^(J)there will no longer be any death; ^(K)there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; ^(L)the first things have passed away." Rev. 21:1-4

= That is the promise of God for his church this morning I want to share with you three things about the church that God how has worked His promise.

1 The church is ready!

I. The Church is Ready verse 7

- A. We must be care not to take this verse out of context when it says that the bride has made herself ready it does not mean that the church has somehow earned or merited this celebration and eternal life with Christ.
- Everyone that makes up the body of the church are those that were as we read before are those that God called, God chose and God gave grace resulting in faith.

- B. But we must understand that there are good works the church not only should do but is commanded to do good works for the glory of God.
1. ¹⁹For we are His workmanship, ^(A)created in ^(B)Christ Jesus for ^(C)good works, which God ^(D)prepared beforehand so that we would ^(E)walk in them.
- C. The church is preparing for the marriage celebration:
1. Why does the church meet on Sunday mornings and sing, and praise and worship God?
 - We are preparing for the promise of the bridegroom
 2. Why does the church study to show ourselves approved a workman that need not be ashamed.
 - We are getting ready for the celebration
 3. Why does the church fellowship, and pray, and encourage, and spread the gospel, and help those that cannot help themselves.

> We are preparing for the promise of God!

-- We are not going to be the church! We are the church of Jesus Christ and we need to be getting ready for the promise.

Transition: God's promise to the church is that we will be in the presence of Christ for eternity.

2 The Church is Righteous

II. The Church is Righteous verse 8

- A. Again do not be mistaken that the righteousness of the church is our righteousness John writes and it was given to her.
 1. The righteous of man is worthless can you imagine how we would show up to the promise in ourselves.
 - I have preformed over 25 marriage ceremonies and I have attended even more and this is the truth, I have never seen an ugly bride and I know that this illustration will get me in trouble but It is true there is something about that day.
 - I have seen grooms that had never been dressed up before in their lives but on the wedding day they have on a tuxedo.
- B. Church, we are so unrighteous, so unworthy, so under dressed in ourselves for this promise day.

1. But Jesus has covered us, he has washed us, he has given His bride, the Church the perfect dress for the promise.

■ His righteousness!

**Transition: So the church is ready for the promise, the Church is righteous in the promise, # 3
The Church is blessed by the promise.**

III. The Church is Blessed verse 9

- A. The Angel told John that those that were invited to the marriage supper are blessed.
 - This is not to insinuate that the church is lucky to be there.
 1. Blessed the Greek word “makarios” possessing the characteristic of deity.
 - This is not to insinuate that the church is lucky to be there.
 2. It would be better for us to read it not blessed but **blessed** at this point the believer will not only be sanctified but we will have been glorified with Christ.
 - Everybody involved in this great celebration will belong there.
 - There will be no sin, no heartache, no death, no conflict we will be holy as he is Holy.
- B. The Angel tells John these are the true words of God: This is what God is promising the church.

Closing: So what is a believer to do with this promise?

A. Let's look at the reaction of John verse 10

1. John is so overwhelmed by the promise that he falls down and worships the messenger.
 - To which the angel responds: Do not do that

= Church it is never about the messenger it is always about the message.

- We should never say I go to Jim Davis' church, or I follow John MacArthur, or any other “messenger”
- It is never about the man it is always about the message don't worship the messenger.
 2. The Angel says don't do that.
 - Worship God!

■ **Church that is what we are to do with this promise of a celebration of eternal life in the presence of Christ!**

- Worship God!

= Let Me leave you with this thought: Then ^(A)he said to me, "^(B)Write, '^(C)Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb '" And he said to me, "^(D)These are true words of God." Revelation 19:9

3. Will you celebrate with me this morning the promise of God to the Blessed those that God has saved from there sin.