

We are better Together: Promises, Promises!

## 2 Peter 1:2-8 NLT

Growing in Faith [3] By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. [4] And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

On our wedding day we enter into a marriage covenant by making vows to one another. On the Passover night before Jesus went to the cross, He made certain 'marriage' vows to his bride, the church. As he took the cup, which symbolises his blood that he was about to shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins, he said that this was a cup of a NEW COVENANT. The new wine 🍷 is not just a representation of his blood, sacrifice, rescue, and forgiveness... It also symbolises the Holy Spirit, the counselor whom he would soon send. Jesus vowed and promised to never leave us or forsake us - he has sent His Holy Spirit to comfort and encourage us. We can now enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit who promises to be like a fountain of living water inside of us.

This morning, may you be led and filled by the Holy Spirit to overflowing. He is the Spirit of righteousness, peace and joy. In His presence alone we have the fullness of joy and his strength. Whatever you may be facing, He is able to strengthen you and refresh you. Remain in His word - he will abide in us as we abide in Him (the truth of His word).

If we would yield our hearts in brokenness and humility, the Holy Spirit will continue to work in our lives to make us more like Christ (the Imago Dei). Thank God for his mercy, grace and love.

Let us pray and allow the Holy Spirit to shape us and mold us (like a potter does with clay) -

[5] In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, [6] and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, [7] and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. [8] The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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