

## Precious Promises

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We live in a blessed nation, but Christians are the most blessed of all. God does not give ordinary promises to his people, but rather “exceeding great and precious promises” (2 Peter 1:4). What are some of the great and precious promises of God?

Christians have precious promises that are **FULFILLED NOW**. We have deliverance (Psalm 50:15), divine love (John 14:21), forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38-39), and limitations to temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). We also have the promise of being fellow-partakers (Ephesians 3:6), a life with Christ (1 Timothy 4:8), providential care (Hebrews 13:5), and answered prayer (1 John 5:14-15).

Christians also have precious promises that will be **FULFILLED IN THE FUTURE**. We will get a resurrected body (1 Corinthians 15:35-55), a crown of life (James 1:12), a new heaven and earth (2 Peter 3:13), an ultimate victory over evil, and no more sorrow (Revelation 15:2; 17:14; 21:4).

Because of God’s “exceeding great and precious promises,” let us all take hope (Acts 26:6-7), live pure lives (2 Corinthians 7:1), and patiently endure (Hebrews 6:12-15). - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- The devil is an artist. He paints sin in very attractive colors.
- Only he can truly teach who is himself teachable.
- The abundant life too often is smothered by the abundance of things.
- You are truly poor if you have more dollars than sense.
- The Lord is good.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

## Put Away Childish Things

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*When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.*

- 1 Corinthians 13:11 -

### It's Time to Grow Up

Sometimes in life a child-like character is commended. Jesus said that to enter into his kingdom one must become like a "little child" (Matthew 18:3). Jesus was referring to child-like qualities like innocence and humility. At other times, child-like character is discouraged. The immaturity of a "babe", for example, is discouraged by Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3.

Just like we grow up physically (which is not a choice), we are supposed to grow up and mature spiritually (which is a choice). Our mind and attitude are supposed to mature and we are supposed to act like men (1 Corinthians 16:13). There is a time for a

child to be a child; then, there is a time to grow up. What are some things that a person should put away as he or she grows up? Let us consider a few examples.

### Put Away Childish Things

Put away...

1. Sulking (1 Kings 21:4; Luke 15:25-30).
2. Constant correction (Psalm 32:9).
3. All play and no work (1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Thessalonians 3:10).
4. Envy and jealousy (Matthew 27:18; Acts 7:9; Galatians 5:21).
5. Instability (Ephesians 4:13-14).
6. Self-centeredness (Galatians 5:26; Philippians 2:3-5).
7. Wasting time (Ecclesiastes 9:10; John 9:4; Colossians 4:5).

8. An uncooperative, dissatisfied spirit (Matthew 11:16).

9. Lack of understanding (1 Corinthians 14:20; Hebrews 5:12-14).

10. Impatience (Hebrews 6:12).

11. Tattling (1 Thessalonians 4:11; 1 Timothy 5:13).

12. Cliques (James 2:1-9; 3 John 10).

13. Constant complaining (1 Corinthians 10:10; Phil. 2:14).

14. Unkindness (Matthew 7:12; 1 Corinthians 13:4; 1 Peter 3:8).

15. Childish reasoning and arguing, like: "You didn't say not to..." or "That's just what you say..." (Colossians 3:16).

In time, as we make the choice to grow up, let us put away childish things. Is it time for you and I to grow up? - Chris Reeves