



## CELEBRATE! YOU ARE A PROMISE

*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4*

Objectives of this study:

That I will CELEBRATE God’s promise of love and forgiveness:

- \* to me and all people through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ;
- \* to me as I face the world, and as I study and share God’s Word with all people;
- \* as I look forward in hope to eternal life with Him and all believers in Christ.

### PROMISE - Poor

1. Read Psalm 34:6. (See also Psalm 40:17.) Before God, how am I poor physically? spiritually? Who gives me everything I need and have?
2. Read Matthew 5:3. Note: The Greek verb for “poor” in this passage signifies *cringing or crouching like a beggar*. [Lenski] (See notes on Matthew 5:3, R.C.H. Lenski, Wartburg Press, Page 184.) Read Romans 3:10-12. What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? Am I?
3. Read the parable in Luke 18:9-14. When am I like the Pharisee? The tax collector?
4. What does God promise in Genesis 3:15? (See also Isaiah 53:5.)

Confess together:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

### PROMISE - Rescued

1. From what does God rescue me?  
 Psalm 103:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Galatians 1:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Timothy 4:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Peter 2:9 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What was I rescued, “redeemed,” to do?
3. What was God’s fulfilled promise in Galatians 4:4-5? Do I celebrate in this promise?

**PROMISE - Opposed**

1. What are the sources of opposition in my life as a Christian?

Romans 14:13 &  
 1 Corinthians 5:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Timothy 6:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hebrews 12:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is God’s promise to me in Deuteronomy 31:6? How does this make me feel?

**PROMISE - Mission**

1. According to the following passages, what is the Christian’s “mission”?

Matthew 9:37-38 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 28:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acts 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Peter 3:15b \_\_\_\_\_

2. Following is the LWML Mission Statement:

*The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.*      Adopted October 1988

Write down your personal mission statement.

**PROMISE - Instruction**

1. What is the chief source of all Christian instruction? See Matthew 4:4 and John 8:31.
2. Read Ephesians 6:4. What are parents (and others) to teach children? See also Colossians 3:16.
3. How should I view God’s instruction to me?

Psalm 32:8-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 4:13 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Timothy 3:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_

### **PROMISE - Service**

1. Why is service so important in God's kingdom?

Luke 12:35-36 \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 12:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 15:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Ephesians 4:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_

2. *There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.* 1 Corinthians 12:5  
List some areas of service to the Lord:

3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15 together:  
*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.*

### **PROMISE - Eternity**

1. Read John 3:16, Galatians 3:29, 2 Peter 3:13, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 5:11-12. Who gives us the hope of eternal life? How does this hope affect my daily life here on earth?
2. Read Jude 21. How do I keep myself in God's love?
3. What does eternity mean to me? Share with the group.

### **YOU ARE A PROMISE!**

*The forgiven child of God is a unique and valuable creation, made an acceptable heir of the Creator through His beloved Son. Our Father's grace and forgiving love makes each one of us "someone special," someone filled with possibility and promise! Through the strength and guidance of His Holy Spirit we are to utilize this potential - to reach out, touch and care for those in need.*

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1. What do the following passages say about God's promises?

Joshua 23:14 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 1:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 1:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Share how God keeps all His promises to you.

3. *He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.* Galatians 3:14

List some of the promises God has made to you.

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