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Promises specific to Christians

‘Promised Us Sonship.’

(I John 3:1 - 2)

Intro: So far, as we have been looking at a number of promises God has made, they have involved the Redeemed of the Lord for the simple reason, one must come to a saving faith in Christ because the promises are made to _____. There are some promises made to the Redeemed of the Lord that are _____ and others that are _____. The conditional promises are based upon our meeting a particular criterion. If we fail, the promise is null and void unless we repent and meet the conditions necessary to the promise. Unconditional promises are promises God makes regardless of our conduct as the Redeemed of the Lord. (Warning)

1. The promise of eternal life for those who come to a saving faith in Christ is unconditional, we cannot _____ our salvation – **John 10:27 – 29;** **2 Corinth. 1:22 and Ephesians 4:30** to name a few of many verses.
2. And though we can't lose our salvation, we can lose our _____.
I Corinthians 3:14 & 15; 2 John 1:8 – “**Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.**”
3. One may be thinking they are not interested in such rewards and that they will just be happy they made it into heaven. However, while millions are praising and honoring Christ by _____ their crowns and rewards at the Savior's feet, only _____ will fill the hearts of those who wasted their Christian life here.
4. One's salvation may be in serious doubt if their supposed 'new' life in Christ doesn't manifest some major _____ and they continue to live the life of an unsaved individual. (**II Corinthians 5:6 – 11 & 17 – 19.**)
 - a. “Reconciliation” meaning to make _____, restoring favor with God.
 - b. Note **verse 19** – God has the _____, that as God worked through His Son to reconcile us, we are to be used of Christ to spread the Word of God through us, by which He can reconcile others.

VII. God has promised us Sonship – I John 3:1 – 2.

- A. This study today is a classic example of an _____ promise if they are saved.
- B. Sonship _____ occurs.
 1. Every family if they have more than one child, seemingly has one child or so that tests the boundaries, tries the soul or is the early cause of white hair & possibly the grave!

2. As surely as we can't _____ our salvation, we don't lose our sonship.

- a. **Verse 1 - "Bestowed"** – meaning to _____ and in the surety of the promise it is in the perfect tense meaning it doesn't need to be repeated again.
- b. **Verse 1 & 2 – "son"** - the name _____ to that intimate and reciprocal relationship formed between men by the bonds of love.
- c. We can see the beauty in this whole idea in adoption.

(**Romans 8:15 & 23, Galatians 4:3 – 8; Ephesians 1:4 – 7**)

- d. "Adoption" – is the blessed state looked for in the future life after the visible return of Christ from heaven, and the nature and condition of the true disciples in Christ, who by receiving the Spirit of God into their souls become sons of God.

C. How amazing is this? God has not only chosen to provide a means by which we can be saved, He has also provided within our salvation, (when we come to a saving faith in Christ), to make us His _____!

1. Having gone by the power of God from sinner to saints, from being alienated from Him – (**Colossians 1:21 & 22**), to being sons.

2. We have as the result of our salvation have had God's divine nature and character _____ into us through the Holy spirit.

D. Note **verse 2** of our opening text – **I John 3:2**, Because we have no idea of what God looks like, though we know much about His character as revealed through the Scriptures and His Son Jesus Christ, we are also not sure what we will eventually be like other than the fact we are being _____ into the character of Christ.

1. **Romans 12:1 – 3**, our mind needs transforming.

2. **Romans 8:29** – the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

E. Once we are saved, we are kings kids and we need to conduct ourselves accordingly, not as the world, but as the Redeemed.