

## Doctrine of the Promise

1. Jesus spoke of the promise of the Father to be given to His disciples as they tarried in the city of Jerusalem. This promise was the Holy Spirit resulting in an enduement of power from on high.
  - *Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*
  
2. In obedience to Christ the disciples waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father.
  - *Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*
  
3. The Father gave the promise of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.
  - *Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*
  
4. The promise of the Holy Spirit is a promise given by the Father unto those who heard Peter speak and to their children and to all that are afar off such as future generations and gentiles, “*even as many as the Lord our God shall call*”.
  - *Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*
  
5. God made another promise, it was a promise to Abraham that he would have many descendants to form a great nation.
  - *Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

When that promise drew nigh, when the time came when the descendants of Abraham were to be formed into a people, they were taken into slavery by the Egyptians.

  - *Acts 7:17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,*
  
6. There was a third promise which was made to the fathers, the Messiah would rise again.
  - *Acts 13:32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, 33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

7. Christ and heaven are the two great doctrines of the gospel—that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Herein is the promise made unto the fathers.
  - *Acts 26:6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:*
8. God made a promise to Abraham that he should be the heir of the world. The promise was rooted in the righteousness of faith.
  - *Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*
9. The promise of the Spirit is also rooted in faith.
  - *Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*
10. God promised a Savior, even Jesus Christ.
  - *Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*
11. Gentiles are part of Abraham's seed, by faith, and according to the promise.
  - *Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*
12. God promised life which is in Christ Jesus.
  - *2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,*
13. Abraham obtained the promise God made to him.
  - *Hebrews 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.*
14. God has promised an eternal inheritance.
  - *Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*
15. Through patience and gospel obedience the believer will receive the promise of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord.
  - *Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

16. Skeptics mock at the promise of the Second Coming of Christ.

- *2 Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

17. God has promised eternal life to all who believe in Christ.

- *1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*