



PART 2: PRECIOUS PROMISES

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Recap of last week: 2 Peter 1:16–19

Cleverly contrived myths

1. Our worth is external, not eternal.
2. Happiness is our ultimate goal and justifies anything.
3. We can break natural laws and survive.
4. We can rewrite history and redefine truth.
5. Everyone goes to heaven.
6. It will never happen to me.
7. There is no right or wrong, just personal decision.

Truth

- Identity in Christ
Grow in the hard times
Trust the Creator, live by His principles
Learn from the past and love truth
Share the Gospel
It will and God is still good
Limits are for our good

Solid facts:

- Eyewitness authors say it is true over 3,000 times.

— Christ fulfilled over _____ biblical prophecies.

Sermon by Voddie Bauchum at Houston's First, "Real Prayer Warriors" (Oct 7, 2001)

— Accuracy in the text:

- a. New Testament is 99.9% pure.

Who Made God?: And Answers to Over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith, by Ravi Zacharias and Norman Geisler

- b. 24,000 partial or full copies of New Testament vs. 643 of Homer's *Iliad*

"No archeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries." — Dr. Nelson Glueck, one of the greatest modern authorities on Israeli archeology

▶ **Equality comes through _____ : Jesus is God and Savior.** 1 Corinthians 8:6

- We have equal spiritual privilege but not equal spiritual _____.

Where is your place of growth? (Circle one below)

Bible church praise obedience trust giving loving others

▶ **Through Christ we have _____ for life and godliness.**

Matthew 6:33; 2 Corinthians 5:21

▶ **Stand on the _____ of God.**

Psalms 89:1; 2 Corinthians 7:1

- How? _____ time and attention resulting in love and honor.