

## **Promises from God concerning Life on Earth (because people can relate)**

### **Future:**

- Justified by faith (Romans 3:24 – 28, 4:1 – 25, 9:24 – 33, 2 Corinthians 1:24, Galatians 3:11, 3:24)
- Judgment will fall on the wicked (Romans 2:2 – 16, 12:19, 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 10, Galatians 5:21, Ephesians 5:5, Philippians 3:19, Colossians 3:6, 3:25, Jude 15)
- Many promises concerning heaven

### **Difficulties:**

- Tribulation produces good character and the peaceful fruit of righteousness and endurance (Romans 5:3 – 4, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:3)
- God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28)
- God comforts the downcast (2 Corinthians 1:3 – 7, 7:6)
- Believing results in suffering (Philippians 1:29, 2 Timothy 3:12)
- We can find contentment in any situation (Philippians 4:11 – 13)
- Peace of mind (Philippians 4:6 – 9, 2 Thessalonians 3:16, 2 Peter 1:2, 2 John 3)
- Rescued from this present evil age (Acts 2:40, Galatians 1:4)
- God comforts us that we may comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:4)

### **Character development:**

- Godly love has been poured out in our hearts (Romans 5:5)
- Overcome through Jesus and the Spirit (Romans 7:25, 8:9 – 14, Galatians 5:16, 1 John 5:4)
- Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23 – 24)
- Maturity, growth, and unity (Ephesians 4:13 – 16, 1 Peter 2:2)
- Love, discernment, and the fruit of righteousness (Philippians 1:9 – 11, Colossians 1:9 – 11, 2:2, Titus 1:1 – 2, John 7:16 – 17, 7:37 – 38)
- Increasing love for others (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
- No fear (1 John 4:18)
- We have peace and joy (Romans 5:1 – 2, Colossians 1:11)
- Renewing of your mind makes you able (Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:14 – 18, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Colossians 3:10)
- Strengthened (Ephesians 3:16)
- Be filled with the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19)
- Partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)

### **Understanding:**

- Understanding (1 Corinthians 2:9 – 12, Ephesians 1:17 – 19, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Comprehend the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:17)
- Wisdom (James 1:5 – 8)

### **Importance:**

- Temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19, Ephesians 2:19 – 22, Hebrews 3:6, 1 Peter 2:5 – 10)
- Kings and priests (Revelation 1:6, 5:10, 11:15, 20: 4 – 6, Romans 5:17, 1 Peter 2:9 – 10)

**Realistic success:**

- Unbelief is not necessarily terminal (Romans 11:23)
- Useful and prepared (2 Timothy 2:21)
- Clean conscience (Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 3:21)

**Other assistance:**

- The Spirit helps our weak prayers (Romans 8:26 – 27)
- Grant you to be like-minded, resolve differences (Romans 15:5, Philippians 3:15)
- Not in word but in power (1 Corinthians 4:20)
- Each has his own gift from God (1 Corinthians 7:7, 12:7, 12:18, Ephesians 4:7, 1 Peter 4:11, 2 Corinthians 4:7)
- No temptation too great (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- All sufficiency for every good deed (2 Corinthians 8:9 – 9:11)
- Food and clothing (Matthew 6:33)