



PART 2: PRECIOUS PROMISES

Apr 30, 2017 • Pastor Gregg Matte • 2 Peter 1:1–4 (p. 782 in HCSB provided)

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Recap of last week: 2 Peter 1:16–19

Cleverly contrived myths

1. Our worth is external, not eternal.	Truth
2. Happiness is our ultimate goal and justifies anything.	Identity in Christ
3. We can break natural laws and survive.	Grow in the hard times
4. We can rewrite history and redefine truth.	Trust the Creator, live by His principles
5. Everyone goes to heaven.	Learn from the past and love truth
6. It will never happen to me.	Share the Gospel
7. There is no right or wrong, just personal decision.	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 Baucham 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.

Psalm 89:1; 2 Corinthians 7:1

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Generosity

AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Apr 23, 2017

First-time givers 53
All givers 1,060

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TAKING A STEP

Make an Impact at Your Campus

As we are all called to step up and serve — either for the first time or by expanding your role — you're invited to let the church know where you are interested in making an impact. Here's how to do it:

WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS?

Take a confidential online spiritual gifts assessment free of charge courtesy of Houston's First! While not required to volunteer, the assessment can assist you in determining where to serve with your spiritual gifts.

- Go to HoustonsFirst.org and search "Spiritual Gifts."

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?

Fill out the "Step Up To Serve" interest form to indicate areas that interest you. Then, team leaders will contact you about taking the next step!

- Go to HoustonsFirst.org and search "STEPUP" or
- Text "STEPUP" to 41411 to receive a link on your mobile device.

"SERVE YOUR CAMPUS" LUNCH

Sun, Apr 30 @ 12:30p — Fellowship Center

At this free lunch, discover why serving is an important aspect of the Christian faith and learn about opportunities for you to step up and serve at The Loop Campus.

Walk-ins are welcome!

DECISIONS

Week ending Apr 23, 2017

Baptized

Collin Edmiston	Nate Kluesner
Abigail Field	Teresa Rivera
Thomas Field	Jonathan Seale

For Baptism

Berenice Cotrina	Angela Flowers
Christian De La Cruz	Ryan Oenning

From Other Fellowship

Fadey Adelakun	Alyssa Hudler
Michael Anderson	Charmin Tanner
Brett Felton	Shannon Tanner
Josh Flowers	



ATTENDANCE

Week ending Apr 23, 2017

Life Bible Study	5,245
Mission Bible Study	90
MidLink	1,460
Total Bible Study	6,795



BIRTHS

- Dan & Kendra Sullivan in the birth of their daughter, Joanna Kathryn; Jonathan and Gabriella, siblings
- James & Natalie McGinness in the birth of their twins, Luke and Carter Griffin
- Stephen & Hannah Andrews in the birth of their son, Seth Benjamin
- Ben & Brenna Dawson in the birth of their triplets, Lucas James, Ava Grace and Lily Kate



SYMPATHIES

- Marty Oliphant in the loss of her sister, Mary Epps
- Family and friends in the loss of Albert Washington
- Ema Tezzo in the loss of her daughter; Emile & Liliane Tezzo, brother; Grace, Divine, Moise, Emile Jr., Destin and Sara in the loss of their aunt

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- Benevolence
- Local Missions

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