

## God's Best Promise by John Piper

*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)*

The most far-reaching promise of God's future grace is found in Romans 8:32. This is the most precious verse in the Bible to me. Part of the reason is that the promise in it is so all-encompassing that it stands ready to help me at virtually every turn in my life and ministry. There never has been, and never will be, a circumstance in my life where this promise is irrelevant.

By itself that all-encompassing promise would probably not make the verse most precious. There are other such sweeping promises such as Psalm 84:11: "No good thing does [God] withhold from those who walk uprightly." And 1 Corinthians 3:21-23, "All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future

— all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's." It is difficult to overstate the spectacular sweep and scope of these promises.

But what puts Romans 8:32 in a class by itself is the logic that gives rise to the promise and makes it as solid and unshakable as God's love for his infinitely admirable Son.

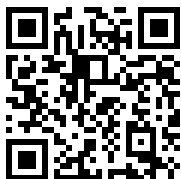
Romans 8:32 contains a foundation and guarantee that is so strong and so solid and so secure that there is absolutely no possibility that the promise could ever be broken. This is what makes it an ever-present strength in times of great turmoil. Whatever else gives way, whatever else disappoints, whatever else fails, this all-encompassing promise of future grace can never fail.

"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all . . ." If this is true, says the logic of heaven, then God will most surely give all things to those for whom he gave his Son!

### Events

TODAY Annual Budget  
7 PM  
TODAY Youth Meetings  
7 PM  
3/29 Youth Bible Study  
7:15 PM  
4/1 Men's Prayer 7:30 AM  
4/8 Senior Breakfast 9 AM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



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### Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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## Morning Worship

### Call to Worship

#### Opening Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

**(Chorus) O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along  
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice

#### **(Chorus)**

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, three in one

#### **(Chorus)**

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, three in one

#### **(Chorus)**

O Alleluia! Alleluia!

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O Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

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### Scripture Reading

**Isaiah 52:1-15, page 613**

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Offertory

**#421 Rock of Ages**

#### Preparatory

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**(Refrain) He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.**

**For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

#### **(Refrain)**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;

'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

#### **(Refrain 2x)**

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### Sermon

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship

#### Opening Hymn

#### Scripture Reading

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Offertory

**Pastor Stephen Byrd**

**#118 O Savior, Precious Savior**

**Genesis 14:8-24, page 10**

#### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,

and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.

Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.

Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now, one through grace alone.

How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?

Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,

We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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#### Preparatory

#### **Nearer, Still Nearer**

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior – so precious Thou art!

Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast.

Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King –

Only my sinful, now contrite heart.

Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood  
doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,

All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride.

Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast;

Thro' endless ages ever to be

Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

Amen

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### Sermon

**Pastor Stu Johnston**