

*"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" Titus 1:2*

If God promised eternal life before the world began, to whom did He make the promise? It was to Himself. Ever make a promise to yourself? We call them "resolutions." I think the reason we do that is because we don't want to



call ourselves liars when we fail to keep them. God cannot lie. If He says it, it is so. It becomes so as soon as the breath proceeds out from His lips. It is impossible for God to lie. He promised Himself that He would give eternal life to all who believe, *"before the world began."* It's simple for us. Believing God means regarding His word above all else. Even in the face of seeming impossibilities, clinging to *"every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* This is faith, no proof required, simply taking God at His Word, and trusting it to be so, no matter what happens. We are so fearful of just trusting Him, afraid that our world will come crashing down around us! Maybe we would be more at peace without "our world." We forget that, *"underneath are the everlasting arms."* We fear the loss of "things," forgetting that they are just ours on loan from God. Paul said he counted all things loss that he might win Christ. Imagine being in the immediate presence of the Living God, bowing before the throne surrounded by an emerald rainbow, and hearing the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" Realizing, in that instant, how truly worthless our efforts were towards any other goal in life. A promise was made before the first, *"Let there be..."* God determined to love us forever before He made us!

*"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:1-2*

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