

Happy Misreading of a Jean Guarantee
A Word of Joy from Joanna Rice

This morning something shiny on my bedside table caught my attention. It looked like a silver gift card with a greeting. I couldn't quite read it because my new aqua-framed glasses were right beside it instead of on my nose. At first sight I thought I saw

"Find out the secret of the Jesus that keeps His promise."

Neat! Exactly what I needed to hear!

But when I put on those green specs I read what it *really* said: *"Find out the secret of the Jean that keeps its promise!"*

Those jeans are brand new to me, but I already know they will not keep the promises I hoped they would keep: to give me the shape of a slim teen girl or at least a smooth older woman; to become a cool outfit for casual outings; to last me until I'm 100! Silly me!

But the promises of Jesus are totally trustworthy and forever. Here are a few I found just in the book of Matthew alone. How awesome they are!

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Matt. 5:4).

"When you pray, . . . the Father which sees in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matt. 6:14)

"Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matt. 7:11).

"Fear you not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:31).

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matt. 13:43).

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." (Matt.14:27).

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19)

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20)

Yes, He keeps His promises forever! And the best of all: "The Son of man must be lifted up; That **whosoever believeth in him SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.**"

In this Christmas season, take the gift from the One who always keeps all His promises, eternal life by trusting Jesus!

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