

## Chapter 8 – The Scriptures and the Promises

AW Pink Profiting from the Word

The promises are a most blessed making known and manifesting God's love to His people.

- 1) His inward purpose to exercise his love
- 2) The gracious making known of His purpose to the beneficiaries of His love.
- 3) The real execution of His purpose.

While love is concealed we cannot be comforted by it.

**Psalm 139:17; 2 Peter 1:4; Psalm 119:103**

1. We profit from the Word when we perceive to whom the promises belong.

While it is true that there are promises that apply only to national Israel in the OT and promises that apply directly to certain individuals. Many promises apply to Christ. But in the Scriptures, the general promises that apply to OT Saints also apply to us as New Covenant believers.

2. We profit from the Word when we seek to make the promises of God our own.  
**1 Cor. 2:9-14** – We need to know God's Word before we can apply it.

\*\*\*This week study some of God's great promises and I will allow you to share some of them together in class – to our profit. The Scripture reference – read it and declare the promise.

3. We profit from the Word when we recognize the blessed scope of God's promises.
4. We profit from the Word when we make a proper discrimination between the promises of God. (Pink is referencing a practical truth – not the above hermeneutical one  
**Psalm 50:15** – read verse before and after; **Psalm 32:8** – (see v. 5 & 9)
5. We profit from the Word when we are enabled to make God's promises our support and stay. (Pink "If there were no promises, there would not only be no faith, but no hope either.")
6. We profit from the Word when we patiently await the fulfillment of God's promises.
7. We profit from the Word when we make a right use of the promises.
  - 1) In our dealings with God Himself.
  - 2) In the life we live in the world  
**2 Cor 7:1; 2 Peter 1:4 -- again**