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One of the theological bedrock for every Christian's hope and prayer life.



#### **Historical Context**

- Paul's integrity was questioned by the Corinthians
- They accused him of being unreliable
- Paul's defense does not center on his schedule; it centers on the character of the God he serves.

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# I. The Divine Commitment: God's Promises are All "Yes" in Christ

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### A. The Nature of God: The God Who Cannot Lie

- The definitive "Yes" is rooted in the perfection of God's character.
- Human promises are conditional and often broken due to our limitations, lack of foresight, or moral failure.
- God is bound by none of these.

#### **NUMBERS 23:19**

"God is not like humans.

He dosen't change His mind.

When He says something, He does it.

When He make a promise, He keeps it."

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- HEBREWS 6:18



### A. The Nature of God: The God Who Cannot Lie

- The impossibility of God lying is the ultimate source of our encouragement.
- Our hope is not based on a possibility, but on an impossibility—the impossibility of God being unfaithful.

## B. The Guarantee: Everything is Secured "In Christ"

- God is not a maybe, a probably, or a possibly.
- His nature ensures that every promise He has ever made—from Genesis to Revelation; from the promise of salvation to the promise of His presence—is secure.

## B. The Guarantee: Everything is Secured "In Christ"

- The "Yes" signifies absolute, unwavering affirmation and certainty and it is not just a general affirmation; it is secured "in Christ."
- Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of all God's prophetic and covenant promises.



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8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed

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- Now, when you feel overwhelmed, look at the cross.
- If God fulfilled the promise of salvation through His Son, He will certainly fulfill His promise to <u>supply your need</u> (Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus), <u>sustain your life</u> (Lamentations 3:22-23 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.) and <u>complete the good work He started in you</u> (Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus).

## B. The Guarantee: Everything is Secured "In Christ"

Because of Christ, we never have to wonder, "Is this promise for me?"

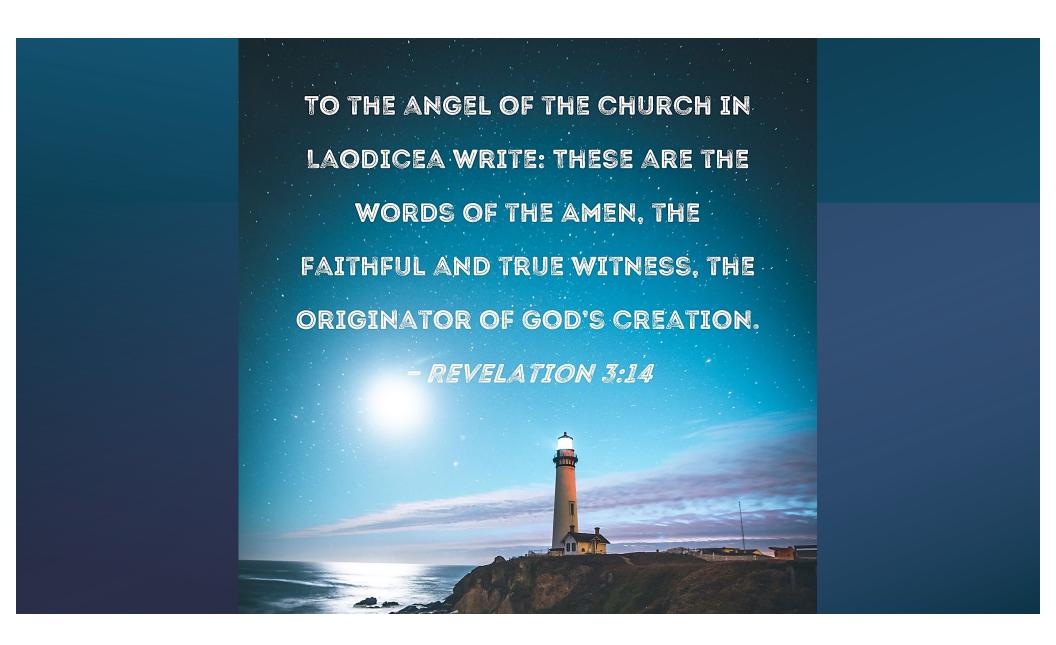
The answer is sealed: "Yes."

# II. The Human Response: Through Him the "Amen" is Spoken by Us

And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

#### A. The Meaning of the "Amen"

- The word "Amen" is a Hebrew word that essentially means, "So be it," "It is true," or "I agree."
- It's not just a sign-off at the end of a prayer; it is our declaration of faith that locks your will and belief onto God's truth.



#### A. The Meaning of the "Amen"

• Since Jesus Himself is the "Amen," when we speak our "Amen," we are aligning our voice and our will with the very integrity of Christ.

Our agreement becomes powerful because it is spoken "through Him."

#### B. The Confidence of Prayer

Our "Amen" transforms our prayer life from pleading to claiming. We are not trying to convince a reluctant God; we are claiming promises already guaranteed.

THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD:

# THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US.

AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE
HEARS US—WHATEVER WE ASK—
WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT
WE ASKED OF HIM.

NIV:

1 JOHN 5:14-15

## C. The Ultimate Goal: To the Glory of God

When we trust God implicitly—when we boldly speak "Amen" over a situation that looks impossible, and God moves—He receives all the credit.

Our faith magnifies His faithfulness. It shows the world that He is not just a historical figure, but a present, powerful, and absolutely trustworthy God.

#### Conclusion...

Our challenge is to let this truth revolutionize our response:

- 1. Stop praying "if" and start praying "since."
- 2. Wherever we face doubt or fear, find the corresponding biblical promise and speak our bold, Christ-authorized Amen over it.