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Let me share ^{another} piece of Good News
with you. "Not all of God's
promises are Conditional" / Not
All of them Begin with "If my people will"

And when this message is over, we
ought to lift our voices in praise
and worship because of it.

Because the One promise God
made with out a condition
is the one we should celebrate
all year long —

Just the other day God caused me to
think on His promise // We had
shared them with you // And
with our dear friends in the
Nursing home and Senior Citizen
Group — // And everyone agreed that
God had indeed promised much //
Nepo what is the promise that has no condition?
~~Not~~ because it ^{is} someone may say "Salvation"
is a Gift // Paul said so in Ephesians
2: 8 & 9 and therefore it is not
conditional —
I must differ with you —

John 3:16 says Salvation is Conditional
John 3:18 says, Salvation is Conditional
And John 3:36 says, Salvation is Conditional

All three of these Verses tell us
that before we can be saved,
Accept the Gift we must believe

Then there is the matter of
"Forgiveness", it too is Conditional

Matthew Recorded how Jesus said
"If ye forgive men their Trespases
your Heavenly Father will also
forgive you." Matt. 6:14

Then the Apostle John said it
as clearly as anyone who he
said: "Forgiveness is Conditional"
Here's how he said it: "If we Confess
our sins God is Faithful and
just to forgive our sins" 1 John 1:9

Oh Dear hearts, God has promised
many things. One Condition —

2/ How vividly we are reminded in Acts 1:8 that "Ability" from God is conditional.

In that verse we see very clearly that "Allowing the Holy Spirit of God to control is the condition."

Allowing the Holy Spirit to have His way is a must —

I wonder if this is why many one without ability to do the work of God today = why many are not Fruit Bearing = simply because the Holy Spirit does not have His way in their lives "Could Be"

Well we covered in part "Salvation" (It is a gift, but it's also conditional)

We've also showed how "Forgiveness" is conditional and that "Ability" to do the Lord's work is conditional

So what else is there to consider

"Justification" is Conditional
"Sanctification" is Conditional

Paul preaching one day said this
"Justification" is Conditional.

He's how he said it, Acts 13:39

"And by Him (Jesus) all that believe are justified"

Let me tell you how important
"Justification" is - but to do that
I must tell you what it means.

"Justification" means "God declares
a Believing sinner to be Righteous
and acceptable before Him
because Christ has borne the
sinner's sin on the cross"

"Justification" is from God,
though from Christ but it's
conditional // one must be a
Believer —

31 Someone has simplified the meaning of "Justification" to this, "A Condition of Being as the One had never sinned"

Well that's wonderful. But what about "Sanctification" what does it mean?

"Sanctification" means "Separated to God" // It's God's will for the believer // It's a Holy Character

"It's the Relationship One has with God, Entered into thru Faith in Christ Jesus"

It cannot be transferred // It can not be imputed or given by another person — "Sanctification" is the result of "Total Obedience" to God and His Word — It is built up, little by little as the result of obedience to God — Therefore, it's Conditional

"Sanctification is completed when one is in conformity to Christ"

Oh my Soul, "Haven't God done
a lot in our behalf?" And
shouldn't we, during this
Christmas season consider
very carefully giving our whole
self over to Him —

I believe Paul told us how in Romans
12:1 listen to it, "I beseech you
therefore brethren by the mercies
of God, that ye present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is
your reasonable service" He went
on to say: "And be not conformed
to this world, but be ye
transformed by the renewing
of your mind, that ye may
prove what is that good,
and acceptable, and perfect,
will of God"

Think about that, as you engage
yourself in all the festivities
surrounding the celebration of Christmas

4) Oh there are many other promises in the Bible that are conditional, but time doesn't allow us to deal with them.

So let's shift gears now, and consider the "promise with no conditions".

According to John the Revelator, this promise was fulfilled or it was before there was time.

John saw the fulfillment in the vision God gave him into heaven.

He spoke of the promise without a condition in Rev. 13:8 when he spoke of "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world".

Before there was time God said: "I promise you a way of escape."

Now God did not say "I'll keep my promise if" // That would have made it conditional again.

No, the Bible said "God loved / do
And God gave"

And Dear hearts, that's why we have
a day set aside to show our appreciation
to God for the promise with no
conditions -

Oh but listen, "Should there only be one
day out of the year to say to
God, Thank you? Absolutely
not // But there are some who feel
that way - And it's very sad -

In Genesis 3:15 God spoke of His
promise without conditions. He said:
"Devil, you've made a terrible mistake"
At that very moment, Satan's
defeat was settled - He
should have given up then
but he didn't -

And Dear hearts, He hasn't given
up yet -

Let me Ask a Question, "Suppose God had put a condition on the coming of the Lord Jesus?"

Suppose God had said:

- ① They must Ask me to send a son
- ② or they must be deserving of a son

Suppose God had said:

- ① I will not send my son to such and such the last unless those people unconditionally surrendered to me.

Unless they "Have no other gods before me" unless they recognize the Sabbath as my day & keep it Holy

oh listen dear hearts, "We will still be waiting"

You see folks, "God kept His promise when man could come less"

"when they were absolutely not deserving"

Romans 5:8 "But God commended
His love toward us, in that while
we were yet sinners, (could have been)
Christ died for us."

Oh listen, "If God was waiting until
His Creation was surrendered unconditionally
He'd still be waiting" for not
all those who profess to be saved
some "surrendered unconditionally"
and you may be well along
and become you know
don't right

Now this is Christmas Eve, just a
few hours and it will be Christmas.
Why not make a commitment
tonight that will be your
very own way of thanking
God for the only promise
without a condition // The
Love & Salvation from Christ.

Would you bow your head
and consider what the Lord would
have you do -

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If you're lost, He would have you
be saved, and if you'll come down
here I'll tell you how.

He would have every believer
to touch with Him - It's
called Redirection -

He would have those He's called
to be a part of His Body, Come
into the Body -

Lets Beary