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**"The Blessings of Salvation"**

**I. Introduction**

A. Many Christians are unaware or perhaps not fully aware of all the wonderful blessings that they possess the moment they accept God's gift of salvation.

B. It takes just a few seconds after the sinner recognizes his or her need for the Lord Jesus Christ in their life, to say, "God be merciful to me a sinner. I confess my sins, ask for forgiveness, and invite Jesus Christ into my heart." However, in that time, many wonderful blessings begin.

C. Those blessings begin at salvation and continue for all eternity. Some blessings are in the future, but many begin immediately.

D. In this lesson in our on-going series on Soteriology - The Doctrine of Salvation, I want to point out several areas of blessings that believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have as a result of receiving God's gift of salvation.

**II. Heaven is a Blessing of Salvation**

A. When an individual considers the blessings of salvation, this great truth that heaven, in the presence of the Living God, is most likely foremost in their thinking. This, of course, is not the only blessing, but it is very special.

B. When a child is shown the "Wordless Book," a Christian

evangelistic book, first used by the London Baptist Preacher Charles Spurgeon, the child is first shown the last page, the "end of the story." The page is gold in color and represents the street of gold in heaven.

C. The child is told about the wonderful things that will be in heaven and the heartaches that will **not** be there.

D. By the time that page is explained, the child's spiritual appetite is whetted for information on how he can get there. That is an excellent introduction to the account of sin and God's provision of His only Son.

"For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:20-21)

### **III. Being a Child of God is a Blessing of Salvation**

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

(John 1:12)

A. The Bible teaches that the moment a person accepts Christ as Savior, they become a child of God.

B. We are born again into the family of God, and all other Christians become brothers and sisters in Christ.

C. From that time forward, a Christian has all the privileges that come to any family member. We are "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." As our heavenly Father, God gives us many wonderful promises.

"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)

#### **IV. Forgiveness of Sin is a Blessing of Salvation**

A. I am convinced that one of the greatest immediate blessings of salvation is the realization that all of our sins are under the blood of Jesus Christ.

B. In his Pilgrim's Progress John Bunyan pictures sin as a terrible burden. What joy floods the soul of each Christian when that burden is laid at the cross of Calvary.

C. For the dedicated Christian it is hard to imagine anyone wanting to hang on to that burden. How ironic it is that sometimes those who have been **saved** from **sin** wish occasionally to return to sin.

D. The Bible describes this foolishness in very graphic terms - "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." (2 Peter 2:22)

**Point:** How tragic that some Christians are guilty of living like the unsaved!

#### **V. Peace With God is a Blessing of Salvation**

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." (John 14:27)

A. This world is looking for peace, yet it will not be found until the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ rules and reigns in people's hearts and minds.

B. Many people will try almost anything to fill the void in their

lives except receiving the salvation that is offered by Almighty God through Jesus Christ.

C. People will never be able to understand what they are missing until they surrender their all to the Lord.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7)

## **VI. Being Accepted by the Lord is a Blessing of Salvation**

"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (Eph. 1:6)

A. Every young person has a desire to be accepted. Peer pressure is strong at any age, but it especially affects teenagers.

B. More important than being accepted by the crowd is being accepted by God. Popularity is fleeting!

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

C. A Christian has the wonderful position of being "accepted in the beloved (i.e., in Christ)." (Eph. 1:6)

## **VII. Access to God is a Blessing of Salvation**

A. One of the greatest blessings of the child of God is the blessing of prayer.

B. In prayer we as Christians have the privilege of asking God to meet our every need. We should daily take advantage of this opportunity. "Ye have not, because ye ask not." (James 4:2d)

"For through him [Jesus Christ] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." (Eph. 2:18)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

(Heb. 4:16)

1. We may come boldly

- a. Every Christian has the privilege of coming daily into God's presence. The word "boldly" does not mean "brazenly" or "boastfully."
- b. The same word was used of the apostles as they preached the gospel in the book of Acts. It means "without fear," and "confidently."

**Comments:**

- 1) Most ancient rulers were unapproachable by anyone but their highest advisers (cf. Esther 4:11)
- 2) In contrast, the Holy Spirit calls for all to come boldly (i.e., confidently) before God's throne of grace, to receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

2. We may come as a child comes to his father.

- a. Just as an earthly father wants the best for his children, so our heavenly Father wants the best of us.
- b. If He withholds something from us, it is because He knows it is not in our best interest.

"And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day." (Deut. 6:24)

3. We may come as a friend. (Luke 11:5-11; Exod. 33:11)

**VIII. Victory Over Sin is a Blessing of Salvation (1 John 5:4)**

A. One reason some people do not accept God's plan of salvation is they have convinced themselves that they cannot live the Christian life.

**Point:** No one can live the Christian life until Christ is the head of their life along with the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

**"I am the vine; ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me, ye can do nothing."** (John 15:5)

"... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."  
(1 John 4:4b)

## **IX. Fellowship with God is a Blessing of Salvation**

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

A. The greatest joy of heaven will not be the streets of gold nor the reunion with loved ones, although these indeed will be wonderful.

B. The greatest blessing is that we will be with God forever. We can have a taste of heaven now by learning to "abide" in Christ (John 15:3-7).

C. Someday, when we see our Lord "as He is," this will be the ultimate blessing of Salvation.

It is once again interactive time. Please complete the biblical passages that follow by filling in the blank spaces. Each passage has been taken from the King James Version (KJV) of the Holy Bible.

"The Spirit itself beareth \_\_\_\_\_ with our spirit, that we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And if children, then \_\_\_\_\_; heirs of God, and \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ; if so be that we \_\_\_\_\_ with him, that we may be also \_\_\_\_\_ together."

**[Romans 8:16-17]**

"Behold, what manner of \_\_\_\_\_ the Father had \_\_\_\_\_ upon us, that we should be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: therefore the world \_\_\_\_\_ us not, because it \_\_\_\_\_ him not."

**[1 John 3:1]**

"And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_, shall keep your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ Jesus."

**[Philippians 4:7]**

"The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_ and song, and he is become my \_\_\_\_\_: he is \_\_\_\_\_ God, and I will prepare him an \_\_\_\_\_; my father's God, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**[Exodus 15:2]**

:Come now, and let us \_\_\_\_\_ together, saith the Lord: though your \_\_\_\_\_ be as \_\_\_\_\_, they shall be as \_\_\_\_\_ as snow; though they be \_\_\_\_\_ like crimson, they shall be as \_\_\_\_\_."

**[Isaiah 1:18]**

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that \_\_\_\_\_ my word, and \_\_\_\_\_ on him that sent me, hath \_\_\_\_\_ life, and shall not come into \_\_\_\_\_; but is passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_."

**[John 5:24]**

"Neither is there \_\_\_\_\_ in any other: for there is \_\_\_\_\_ other name under \_\_\_\_\_ given \_\_\_\_\_ men, whereby we \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_."

**[Acts 4:12]**

Thank you for being a part of another Bible Study session and I trust that you have been blessed.

In The Master's Service,

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