

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Introduction

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

1. **Those who are not Christians need to realize how much they're missing by not being a Christian.**
 - A. **Some may say that "If I become a Christian, there will be too many things I'll not be able to do".**
 - 1) **Often times people think of the negative rather than the positive. By being a Christian one needs to think of all the good things that being a Christian holds.**
2. **Those of us today that are Christians need to be reminded from time to time of all the wonderful blessings that we possess by being "IN" Christ!**
3. **What is a blessing?**
 - A. **The Greek word is *Eulogeo*, meaning to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow blessings upon. (Thayer and Vine) It is also used to praise, or to speak well of.**

4. God is the source of all blessings.

A. All good gifts that we have to enjoy come from God.

James 1:17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

B. Christ is the gift (blessing) that we have received from God.

1) The greatest gift of all!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

C. Even the words of Christ were from the Father.

John 12:49-50 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

D. The Kingdom (The Lord's church), is a gift of God.

Luke 12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

5. God feeds the birds, clothes the grass, and gives us our daily bread.

Luke 12:23-25 **Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.** Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

The Blessings Classified

1. **There are temporal blessings: These blessings that are for a season, dealing with time, temporary, to be enjoyed during this life.**

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2. **There are spiritual blessings: The word "spiritual" in a secondary sense always carries the idea of invisibility and power.**

- A. **Spiritual blessings are those that one possesses that is a Christian. These blessings are conditional.**

3. **Material blessings are not in Christ.**

Matthew 5:43-45

- A. **This Bible passage shows us that material blessings come to all mankind and are unconditional.**

4. **The righteous will be cared for. God has promised this to all that obey Him.**

Psalms 27:1-5

- A. **Matthew 6:19-34 talks about how God will care for those who seek after Him. Verse 34 wraps this thought up by letting us know not to worry!**

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall **supply all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Promises to Abraham Fulfilled in Christ

1. God promised to bless all nations.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

2. This was fulfilled in Christ.

Galatians 3:13-14, 26-29

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

- **Some great POSITIVE aspects for the Christian!**

1. We are new creatures "In Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2. There is no condemnation "In Christ."

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, **but according to the Spirit**.

3. We have redemption and forgiveness "In Christ."

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have **redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, in whom we have redemption through His blood, **the forgiveness of sins**.

4. We have eternal life "In Christ."

1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and **this life is in His Son.**

5. Our salvation is "In Christ."

2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the **salvation which is in Christ Jesus** with eternal glory.

A. Salvation is obtained "In His Name."

Acts 4:10-12

B. Salvation is obtained "In His Blood."

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

C. Salvation is obtained "In His Body."

Ephesians 2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God **in one body** through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

- 1) **That is why we as Christians are blessed with the opportunity to remember Christ every first day of the week. His body and blood – Shed for our salvation!**

6. We will have a happy resurrection "In Christ."

John 5:28-29

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

7. God's promises "In Christ" are sure!

2 Corinthians 1:18-20

Spiritual Blessings in Christ – In His Church

- **Since all Spiritual Blessings are only in Christ, that means that they are only available to those who are in His church!**

1. His body is the church.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

2. The church is the habitation of God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

3. God adds every sinner to Christ's church once they obey His will and are baptized.

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Conclusion

1. **Those of us that are Christians have a lot to be thankful for as we realize the spiritual blessings that we have by being “In Christ.”**
2. **Those who are not Christians need to know how to can get “In Christ” so they can be saved and enjoy these same spiritual blessings.**
 - A. **Once one believes in Jesus, repents (turns from sin), confesses Him as the Son of God and is baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins – then one can enjoy all the Spiritual blessings that only Jesus can give.**

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

3. **Jesus said:**

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

