

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS (Part 4)

SCRIPTURE READING:

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph 1:3).
- “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit” (Jer 17:7-8).

INTRODUCTION:

- A.** According to Ephesians 1:3, God has blessed Believers with all Spiritual Blessings in Christ Jesus. God did not hold anything back. He richly supplied Believers with all they will even need or want spiritually. God has presented Believers with all the Spiritual Blessings in His Heavenly Storehouse. God has shown His divine favor by providing Spiritual Blessings to us; therefore, Believers should use what God has already given them.
- B.** Since God has blessed us with Spiritual Blessings in the Heavenly Places in Christ, we should bless God.
 - To Bless God means to Praise Him, Exalt Him, Worship Him and to Obey Him. God deserves our Blessings – He is the true praiseworthy Creator and our Heavenly Father.
- C.** **Count Your Blessings** – (Johnson Oatman)
When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy,
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

For this Bible Study, we will examine three Spiritual Blessings that God gives “To the Saints ... and to the Faithful in Christ Jesus” (Eph 1:1).

- I.** **Believers Have Been Given Inheritance** (v. 11)
Inheritance is biblically defined as Heritage – a birthright, to be assigned a portion, to receive a share, a private possession.
 - A.** At the moment of Salvation, we become children of God and Co-Heirs with Christ. Therefore, all that the Father gave to Christ – we now have also because we are Co-Heirs with Christ. We have all that Jesus has.
 - B.** When we “obtained an inheritance,” we gain eternity with God, dwelling in His righteousness for all time.
 - C.** Our inheritance is **Heaven**. It is the total sum of all that God has promised to Believers in Salvation.

D. 1 Peter 1:4 describes Four Characteristics of our Inheritance.

- “To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Pet 1:4).

1. Our Inheritance is “Incorruptible” (Imperishable, undecaying)

Our inheritance in Christ is not subject to corruption or decay. Our treasures in Heaven are eternal.

- “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal” (Matt 6:19-20).

- “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Pet 1:23).

2. Our Inheritance is “Undefiled” (untainted, free from contamination, unspoiled)

a. Our Inheritance in Jesus is flawless and free from impurity, deformation, or degradation. Jesus is perfect, Holy, pure, blameless, and set apart for sinners.

- “For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens” (Heb 7:26).

b. Our Inheritance in Christ is also holy, blameless, and pure. No detestable things will enter heaven.

- “And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life” (Rev 21:27).

3. Our Inheritance in Christ is Unfading (enduring, not fading away)

Our inheritance in Christ is an enduring possession. It will never lose its power, value, diminish, or depreciate.

- “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful” (Rev 21:5).

4. Our Inheritance in Christ is “Reserved” (to watch over, to guard, keep)

Our Inheritance in Christ is kept in Heaven for us. Heaven is reserved for Believers.

- As Believers, we are rich in Christ Jesus. Each and every day, we should remember and give thanks to God for our Inheritance in Christ. We should live daily as children of God as we are Co-Heirs with Christ to all the riches and Blessings of God.

II. Believers Have Been Sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise (vv. 13-14)

- “**Sealed**” – to set a seal upon, belonging to, to attest ownership.
- “**Earnest**” – to pledge, guarantee, a down payment.

- A. The Holy Spirit is the Believers deposit, seal, and earnest. He is God’s seal on His people. He claims us as His very own.
- B. The Holy Spirit made the down payment on our Inheritance, which Christ promised and fulfilled at the Cross.
- C. The seal of the Holy Spirit gives us perfect assurance of our Salvation in Christ Jesus.
 - “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:13).
 - **Promises of the Holy Spirit**
Isa 44:3; 59:21; Eze 11:19; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29; Matt 3:11; John 1:33; 7:39; 14:16; Rom 8:16; 2 Cor 1:22; Gal 3:14; 4:6
 - The Holy Spirit’s seal on God’s children can never be broken – the seal is for eternity.

III. Believers Have Been Given Faith (vv. 1:15, 2:8; 3:12, 17)

Faith – belief, trust, confidence, fidelity, faithfulness, firm conviction

- A. Faith is trusting God at His Word for Salvation, Eternal Life, Spiritual Blessings, Peace and during a crisis, bereavement, and temptation.
 - “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you” (John 15:3).
 - “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17).
- B. Faith is reliance on the merits of Christ for Salvation. It is complete confidence and trust in Jesus and His death on the Cross for sin.
- C. Faith signifies the Believer’s relationship with God.
- D. Faith leads to having a Godly testimony with other Christians and before the world. Faith is living for Jesus.
- E. Faith leads to a “walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time” (Col 4:5).
 - As Believers, we should be wise in our contact with Unbelievers, making the most of our chances to tell them about the Good News of Salvation.
- F. Love to the Saints show the truth of the Believer’s Faith in God. It is evidence of our love to God.
 1. Loving one another is commanded by God (John 15:12).
 2. To love God is to Obey God (John 14:15).

- “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matt 22:37-39).

CONCLUSION:

A. We have a Heavenly Father who has given us “every Spiritual Blessing ... in Christ (Eph 1:3). We have been given an inheritance, the seal of the Holy Spirit and faith.

B. The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, The Family of God.

You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here,
It's because we're a family and these are so near;
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

C. Roman Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

MEMORY VERSE:

“Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen” “(Eph 6:24)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8)