

# Our Spiritual Blessings

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The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY IS SOVEREIGN

Isaiah 43:11-12 **I AM THE LORD**, and **THERE IS NO SAVIOR BESIDES ME.** <sup>12</sup> **IT IS I WHO HAVE DECLARED AND SAVED AND PROCLAIMED.**

Isaiah 46:9-11 **I am GOD**, and THERE IS NO OTHER; **I am GOD**, and **THERE IS NO ONE LIKE ME**, <sup>10</sup> **DECLARING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING**, and from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, **MY PURPOSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED**, and **I WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL MY GOOD PLEASURE.** <sup>11</sup> **TRULY I HAVE SPOKEN; TRULY I WILL BRING IT TO PASS. I HAVE PLANNED IT, SURELY I WILL DO IT.**

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Ephesian 1:3 **BLESSED** be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who **HAS BLESSED US** with **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING** in the heavenlies in CHRIST.

That is WONDERFUL, AWESOME. The Question is: What Are These Spiritual Blessings?? To receive and appreciate these GIFTS we Must Know and Understand what they are. I want to try to look at them in the order of their happening.

**Spiritual Blessing #1** Romans 8:29 **Whom HE FOREKNEW**

Meaning: **HE knew us, HIS CHILDREN, BEFORE** we were conceived. This is no surprise as: **HE KNOWS THE END FROM THE BEGINNING. HE HAS PLANNED IT AND WILL DO IT.** Isaiah 46:11

**Spiritual Blessing #2** Ephesian 1:4 **HE CHOSE US**  
**IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.**

**BEFORE** the world was, our FATHER **KNEW, FOREKNEW,** and selected or **CHOSE US, HIS FAMILY** and at some point in time: **CAUSED US TO BE BORN** into this world.

- ❖ John 1:13 who were **BORN**, not "of" blood (natural birth) nor "of" the will of the flesh (natural birth) nor "of" the will of man (natural birth) but **"OF" GOD.**

**"OF"** NT:1537 GREEK ἔκ (ek) denoting origin, where action proceeds from

The context is clearly enforcing "natural birth" three times. Therefore translation guidelines require the last or fourth use also be "natural birth" and not spiritual birth or Born Again.

Galatians 4:28 *And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.* Therefore our natural birth was "of GOD."

Romans 9:8 It is **NOT** the children of THE FLESH who are children of GOD, BUT THE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE are regarded as **DESCENDANTS.**

- ❖ **Descendants:** NT:4690 Greek: σπέρμα sperma (sper'-mah); i.e. **seed**, including the male "sperm." By implication, offspring.

**TO BE CHOSEN AND TO BE BORN OF GOD IS THE**  
**GREATEST BLESSING EVER, WITH ETERNAL**  
**BENEFITS.**

**Spiritual Blessing #3 HE has a PREDESTINED PURPOSE for our lives. "MY PURPOSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED." TRULY I WILL BRING IT TO PASS. I HAVE PLANNED IT, SURELY I WILL DO IT.**

Ephesians 1:5 In **LOVE HE PREDESTINED** us to \***ADOPTION** as sons through JESUS CHRIST to HIMSELF according to the **kind intention** of **HIS will**, 6 to the Praise of the **GLORY** of **HIS GRACE**, which HE freely bestowed on us in THE BELOVED.

- ❖ Because HE **CHOSE us**, the translators used the word **Adoption** concluding that our FATHER CHOSE or ADOPTED HIS Children out of all the people. But **HE CHOSE US BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.** Before there was any other people. Before we were born with Adam's sin nature
- ❖ Our FATHER has HIS Children, **HIS Seed** and the evil one **has his seed**, his children. (see Genesis 3:15 also see Spiritual Warfare and the two seeds, short version at [www.treasurehisword.com](http://www.treasurehisword.com) page 5)

Therefore ADOPTION is a wrong translation of the Greek word. The word **adoption** means: *"to take a child of other parents as your own child."*

True Believers were **NEVER** children of the evil one. The literal meaning of the Greek word means **"to be placed as sons, that is: a mature one."** (5206 υἱοθεσία: two

words: 5207 huios = adult son and 5087 tithemi = to put or place. Making the literal translation **“to be placed as a SON.”** Example: The Jews “Bar Mitzvah” is the celebration at 13 years of age when a child is considered an adult, mature, and responsible and **is placed as a son, no longer a child.** The meaning is not on male or female but on **MATURITY.**

Ephesians 2:1-10 Explicitly states our relationship with those that ARE NOT CHOSEN, which are **children of the evil one.** And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which **you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,** of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 AMONG THEM (we are not “of” them) we also all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature** (our fallen sinful nature) children of wrath, even as the others. 4 But GOD, being rich in **MERCY**, because of **HIS GREAT LOVE** with which **HE LOVED US** (the word “us” separates us from the other group) 5 even when **WE** were dead in our transgressions, **S.B.#4. MADE US ALIVE** together with CHRIST by **GRACE YOU S.B.#5. HAVE BEEN SAVED,** **S.B.#6.** 6 and **raised US up with HIM,** and **S.B.#7. SEATED US WITH HIM** in the heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS, 7 **SO THAT** in the ages to come HE might show the SURPASSING RICHES of HIS GRACE in KINDNESS toward **US** in CHRIST JESUS.

CONTINUING with **SPIRITUAL BLESSING #3**

**Romans 8:29** Those HE FOREKNEW, HE **PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON** (This is MATURITY) so that HE would be the firstborn among many \***brethren**. [Greek: ἀδελφός (ad-el-fos') from the same womb]

- ❖ Galatians 4:26 Jerusalem above . . . is our mother.
- ❖ Our **DESTINY WAS PREDETERMINED BY OUR FATHER'S LOVE and plan for each of us.**
- ❖ **HE was: DECLARING THE END** (to be HIS sons and daughters) **FROM THE BEGINNING** Isaiah 46:10

**Spiritual Blessing #8** Ephesians 1:7-8 **In HIM** we have **REDEMPTION** through **HIS BLOOD**, the **FORGIVENESS** of our **TRESPASSES**, according to THE **RICHES OF HIS GRACE** which **HE LAVISHED ON US** in all wisdom and insight.

**HE REDEEMED US.** meaning: to **BUY** or **PURCHASE BACK** **WHAT BELONGED TO HIM.**

Let me explain: Romans 5:12 Just as **sin** entered the world through one man (Adam) and **death** being the wages of sin, (Romans 6:23) in this way **death came to all men**, because everyone born after Adam was born with the same sin nature Adam acquired by his disobedience.

And: Romans 6:16 **whosoever you obey, his servants you are who you obey.** We WERE **servants** of "the evil one."

**HOWEVER, HALLELUJAH** WE ARE GOD'S children and **HE REDEEMED US** BY SENDING JESUS to **PAY** the **PRICE** of **OUR SIN** FOR US with HIS OWN **BLOOD**, HIS OWN LIFE.

1 Peter 1:18-20 **KNOWING** that you **were not REDEEMED** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life **inherited from your forefathers**, 19 but **WITH PRECIOUS BLOOD**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**.

❖ This verse clearly reveals the **VALUE** of every **CHILD OF GOD**, as **VALUE** is determined by the PRICE PAID TO PURCHASE.

**HOW VALUABLE / SPECIAL, ARE YOU ???**

Colossians 1:13-14 **HE RESCUED US** from the domain of darkness, and **TRANSFERRED US** (HIS CHOSEN ONES) **to the Kingdom of HIS BELOVED SON**, 14 IN WHOM **WE HAVE REDEMPTION**, the **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**.

❖ **OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN THEREFORE** every True Believer **HAS ETERNAL LIFE**.

**Spiritual Blessing #9** Therefore we are **RECONCILED** or **RESTORED** to a **RIGHT RELATIONSHIP** with our **FATHER**, LIKE **ADAM HAD** when he walked with The **LORD** in the Garden

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 **IF** anyone is **in CHRIST**, he is a **new creation**; the old things **have passed away**; behold, new things have come. 18 Now **ALL THESE THINGS** are **FROM GOD**, who **RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF** [Restored us to a

right relationship] through CHRIST and **GAVE US** (that is you & me) **THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION**, 19 namely, that GOD was in CHRIST **RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM** and **HE has committed TO US the WORD of RECONCILIATION**. This makes **every Believer** a MINISTER for JESUS CHRIST, TO TAKE THIS GREAT NEWS TO EVERYONE.

- ❖ **Reconciling THE WORLD to HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST them**

So, will everyone go to HEAVEN and have ETERNAL LIFE??

**NO!** To **qualify** for ETERNAL LIFE, **Sin is NOT THE PROBLEM, it is forgiven. GOD so loved the world,** that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that **WHOEVER BELIEVES in HIM SHALL NOT PERISH, but HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.** 17 For **GOD did not send the SON into the world to JUDGE the world, but that the WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.** 18 **HE WHO BELIEVES** in HIM is **NOT JUDGED;** he who **DOES NOT BELIEVE** has been judged already, because **HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON of God.** John 3:16-18

Eternal Life IS DEPENDENT upon BELIEVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. So, the same gospel that saves true believers, condemns those who are "of their father, the devil" John 8:44

Therefore, Share The Gospel with everyone everywhere.

**Spiritual Blessing #10 OUR SIN IS FORGIVEN AND WE ARE AND HAVE:** Romans 3:22 **The RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD through FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST for ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 **HE made HIM** who knew no sin **TO BE SIN FOR US, that we would be the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD in HIM.** We Are The ULTIMATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS because THE **BLOOD** OF JESUS HAS FORGIVEN ALL OUR SIN. THIS IS THE WAY OUR FATHER SEES US. HE sees "**the end from the beginning**" Isaiah 46:10

❖ HOW **BIG?** HOW **GRAND?** HOW **AWESOME,** IS THIS **BLESSING? You are the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD in HIM.**

**Spiritual Blessing #11 HE HAS SANCTIFIED US:**

2 Thessalonians 2:13 **GOD has CHOSEN YOU** from the **BEGINNING** for **SALVATION** [GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND WILL NOT MISS ONE OF HIS CHILDREN Isaiah 46:9-11] **through SANCTIFICATION** (the state of purification, FREE from sin, set apart for Special use) **by the SPIRIT and FAITH in THE TRUTH.**

The LORD said to Saul: Acts 26:17-18 **I am sending you,** [today this means you and me] **to OPEN THEIR EYES** [HE is talking about HIS Chosen, Predestined ones: so that **they** may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to GOD, that they may **RECEIVE FORGIVENESS** of sins and an



inheritance among those who have been **SANCTIFIED** by Faith in ME. Therefore **called SAINTS**, Sanctified Ones.

1Cor.1:2

Luke 8:10 And HE said, To **you who believe** it has **been granted to know** the mysteries of the Kingdom of GOD, but **to the rest** it is in parables, so that seeing **THEY MAY NOT SEE**, and hearing **THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND**.

- ❖ It is obvious that there are some whom The LORD does NOT WANT TO BELIEVE. And actually THEY CAN'T believe because of who their father is. Wrong DNA.

**Spiritual Blessing #12 Therefore HE CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN**

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who according to **HIS GREAT MERCY** has **CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN** to a living hope.

- ❖ How did HE CAUSE US TO BE BORN AGAIN?

**FIRST:** Our physical birth was the result of our FATHER's CHOOSING US. HE FOREKNEW US and HE CHOSE US, THUS ORDAINING OUR BIRTH INTO THIS WORLD.

John 1:13 **WHO WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD, NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT "OF" GOD. .**

**SECOND:** HE did it by: **SPIRITUAL BLESSING #13**

## ❖ HE GAVE US THE GIFT OF FAITH

2 Peter 1:1-4 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of JESUS CHRIST, to **THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED A FAITH OF THE SAME KIND AS OURS**, by the RIGHTEOUSNESS of our GOD and Savior, JESUS CHRIST: 3 seeing that **HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO LIFE AND GODLINESS**, through the TRUE KNOWLEDGE of HIM who **CALLED US** by HIS own **GLORY** and **EXCELLENCE**.

Galatians 3:23 But **before FAITH CAME**, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to **the FAITH which was later to be REVEALED**.

❖ **Faith came to us.** It does not originate in us or from us.

Philippians 1:29 For **to YOU IT HAS BEEN GRANTED** for CHRIST' sake, **not only to BELIEVE** in HIM, but also to suffer for HIS sake

Acts 3:16 And on **the basis of FAITH IN HIS NAME**, the name of **JESUS** which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and **the FAITH WHICH COMES \*THROUGH HIM** has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

\*Greek (δι') dia (dee-ah'); a primary preposition denoting the **channel of an act. Faith comes to us through JESUS.** Faith **begins** with HIM and **given** to us.

1 Peter 1:21 who **\*BY HIM ARE BELIEVERS** in GOD . . .  
**so that** your **FAITH** and **HOPE ARE IN GOD**.

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John 3:27 **A man can receive NOTHING** unless **it has been GIVEN HIM** from heaven

Ephesians 2:8 For **by GRACE** (GOD's free gift) **YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED** through **FAITH**; and **"THAT"** (FAITH) **NOT OF YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD**

- **By GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED** making it clear that **salvation is NOT of ourselves** but **By GRACE**. Therefore **faith cannot be "of ourselves"** since salvation comes by or through faith. Otherwise, salvation would depend upon us.
- And to clarify this, the HOLY SPIRIT added **and "that" not of yourselves**" clearly referring **to the noun that precedes it, "faith,"** which also **is not** of ourselves but **"the gift of GOD."**

Romans 4:16-17 For this reason it is **by FAITH, in order that** it may be **in accordance with GRACE [if faith originates within us then it is not according to GRACE a free gift]** **SO THAT THE PROMISE WILL BE GUARANTEED TO ALL THE DESCENDANTS** (literally: seeds. We are "of" that chosen lineage, DNA) **not only to those who are of the Law,**

but also to those who are **OF THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM**, who is the father of us all.

Acts 16:14 A woman named Lydia . . . a worshiper of GOD, was listening; and **The LORD OPENED HER HEART** to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

The LORD AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER "OPENS THE HEART" OF HIS SEED, HIS CHILDREN, CHOSEN AND BORN FROM ABOVE.

2 Thessalonians 3:2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; **for not all have faith.**

2 Thessalonians 2:13 . . . GOD has **chosen you** from the beginning **for SALVATION** through (two things) (1) **SANCTIFICATION BY the SPIRIT** (not yourself) **and** (2) **FAITH** in the truth.

- Sanctification is by the SPIRIT. The word "and" connects sanctification and faith together with the meaning that **faith is also by the Spirit and not originating from man.**

SO, as Jonah said: 2:9 **Salvation is of the LORD.**

1 Corinthians 1:30 But **by HIS DOING** you are in **CHRIST JESUS**, who became to us **wisdom** from GOD, and **righteousness** and **sanctification**, and **redemption**

Romans 12:3 For through the **GRACE GIVEN TO ME . . . .** as **GOD has allotted to each a measure of faith.**

**Faith comes to us by HEARING:**

Romans 10:16-17 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, **who has believed** our report?" <sup>17</sup> So **faith comes from hearing**, and hearing by the **Word of CHRIST**. To Those HE CALLS.

Galatians 3:5 HE who **PROVIDES YOU** with the **SPIRIT** and works miracles among you, does it by **THE HEARING WITH FAITH**

**And HEARING is GIVEN BY THE LORD:**

Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet to this day **the LORD has not GIVEN YOU a heart to know**, nor **eyes to see**, nor **EARS TO HEAR**. Hearing is Given by The LORD.

Mark 4:9-12 And He was saying, **He who HAS ears to hear, let him hear**. (Indicating that not all have ears to hear) <sup>10</sup> HIS followers, along with the twelve, were asking Him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And He was saying to them, **TO YOU HAS BEEN GIVEN** the mystery of the Kingdom of GOD, but **those who are OUTSIDE** get everything in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that while seeing, they may see and **not perceive**, and **WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND**, otherwise they might return and be forgiven." (Isaiah 6:9f)

- ❖ It is obvious there are those who The LORD does NOT want to hear and understand.

Luke 8:8 Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great. As He said these things, He would call out, **He who has ears to hear, let him hear.** (Indicating that not all have ears to hear)

John 8:43-47 **Why** do you not understand what I am saying? It is because **you CANNOT HEAR MY WORD.** <sup>44</sup> You are **of your father the devil** (this is the problem) <sup>45</sup> But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>47</sup> **He who is OF GOD HEARS the words of GOD;** for this reason **YOU DO NOT HEAR because YOU ARE NOT OF GOD.**

John 10:26-28 **YOU DO NOT BELIEVE BECAUSE you ARE NOT OF MY SHEEP.** <sup>27</sup> **My sheep HEAR MY VOICE,** and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and **THEY WILL NEVER PERISH.**

- Clearly indicating that there are sheep that belong to another.

**SPIRITUAL BLESSING #14** Romans 5:5 the **LOVE OF GOD** has been **poured out WITHIN OUR HEARTS** through the **HOLY SPIRIT** who was given to us.

- The LORD poured HIS LOVE into our hearts, that is why we LOVE HIM and the others do not. When it comes to loving others, we are without excuse as **HIS LOVE IS IN OUR HEARTS.**

Galatians 5:6 For in CHRIST JESUS . . **FAITH working through LOVE.**

- **Faith is not of, or out of, ourselves.** It begins with the LORD **allotting to each** (of HIS children) **a measure of FAITH.** (Romans 12:3) and as **HIS LOVE** is poured into our hearts our **Faith springs up and grows** out of **and** because of **that LOVE, FAITH working through LOVE.** The more we learn of **ALL HE HAS DONE FOR US** the more our **LOVE GROWS** and then our **FAITH GROWS.**

SALVATION BEGINS WITH THE LORD GOD, our FATHER pouring HIS LOVE into our **hearts.** And, **LOVE NEVER FAILS.** 1Cor. 13:8

**SALVATION IS FROM THE LORD.** Jonah 2:9

**SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD** Psalm 3:8

There is an old Hymn, "*Count Your Blessings, Count Them One by One, Count Your Many Blessings See What GOD Has Done.*"

To the PRAISE of the GLORY of HIS GRACE, which HE FREELY BESTOWED ON US IN THE BELOVED.

Ephesians 1:6