

poured out toward all His children. The word "abounded" in the text means, "be in abundance; provide in abundance; have more than enough; excessive; cause to be more; have greater advantage." (Logos) Hence, God has bestowed His grace toward His children more than they can imagine.

Fourth, We have redemption in Christ (ver. 7). Redemption is the forgiveness of sin that we have through means of the blood of Christ. The Hebrews writer wrote, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). This blood is the cleansing element found in water baptism, Romans 6:1-5. However, this is not the end of the cleansing work of the blood of Christ. It not only cleanses one when becoming a Christian but afterward continues to work in keeping us clean. John writes, But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:7-10).

This cleansing power is accomplished as we continue to walk in the light and confess our sins. Only those in Christ have access to this blessing.

Fifth, the mystery of His will has been revealed to us (vers. 9,10). In times past, men only heard about what was to come through the

prophets. However, in this dispensation, God has revealed His complete will for humanity. Instead of speaking to us through the fathers or the prophets, He has spoken to us through His son, Hebrews, 1:1-2. His son sent the Holy Spirit and inspired men to speak as the Spirit guided them, and when we read the things written, we can know the mystery of God, which was hidden in times gone by.

Sixth, In Christ, we now have a heritage (vers. 11,12). Robert R. Taylor, Jr. wrote this as it relates to this text:

The KJV has our "obtaining an inheritance. The ASV has our being "made an heritage" which is probably a better concept. We know from Romans 8:17 that as children we are "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ..." But surely we are God's heritage as His saints. It has been marked out, pre-determined or predestinated by the precious purpose of Heaven's Glorious God. Perfection marks out the counsel of His will." (Studies in Ephesians and Colossians, p. 32)

Seventh, We have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise in Christ (vers. 13,14). This seal is simply an earnest or a guarantee that the salvation offered in Christ is real and that if we remain faithful unto death, Revelation 2:10, we shall receive a crown of life. We have a guarantee that heaven will be our home. As Jesus said to His disciples, (John 14:1-4).

When we know what we have received as Christians, it helps us understand just how valuable our life is in Christ, not only to the Lord but also to each other. Therefore, we should strive together to help each other gain heaven as our final destiny.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday Bible Classes.....10:00  
Morning Worship .....11:00  
Evening Worship..... 6:00  
Wednesday Classes.....6:30

Free Bible Correspondence Course to all who ask. Please call us or write to us and we will help you get started.

## Take Time to be Kind!

Jesus commands us to "love each other." Jn 15:17  
Then take time for the little things --  
the little kindnesses,  
the little deeds, and  
the little favors.

Take time to consider the needs of others,  
by speaking a gentle word,  
by being patient,  
by being longsuffering, and  
by simply being worthwhile to others.

**This requires time, love, and action.**

For a spoken word of kindness  
can lift the heart,  
can bring a moment of joy,  
can bring hope, and  
can give strength to those in need.

When you take the time to be kind,  
you are doing the will of the Master, and

## Jesus Will Stand with You!

# REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED!

Johnie Scaggs, Jr.

Having been baptized for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38, one puts on Christ, Galatians 3:27, and at the same time becomes heirs to the promise that was made to Abraham that through his seed, all nations would be blessed, Galatians 3:29. When this takes place, you now inherit all the spiritual blessings in Christ, Ephesians 1:3-14. Through Christ, we have "...all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Moreover, the word of God is "...profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

When one becomes a Christian, they are now "in Christ." Because they are now "in Christ," they have great blessings and privileges. George Bailey wrote about these two words and stated, "Those two little words are found so many times in the New Testament. They suggest (1) a position; (2) a privilege; (3) a possession; and (4) a practice. Where he is (position), we should want to be! What he is (privilege), we should want to become! What he has (possession), we should desire to have! What he does (practice), we should want to do! "Apart from me," he said, "ye can do nothing" (Jno. 15:5)." (Great Preachers of Today, p. 28).

The apostle Paul helps us understand some of the great spiritual blessings we have in Christ. In Ephesus chapter one, Paul tells us we have all spiritual blessings in Christ. In chapter one, we find at least seven spiritual blessings the child of God has been given. Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). Let's look at these spiritual blessings together.

First, He chose us in Christ (ver.4). We were chosen before the foundation of the world. Notice, we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. That is to say, God, in His infinite wisdom, knew that man would need a Savior and pre-determined that in the fulness of time, He would send His son to die for the sins of mankind, Acts 2:23; Ephesians 1:10. Thus those who are in Christ have been chosen by God. How does one get into Christ? Paul wrote, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:26,27). Like the children of Israel whom God chose out of all other nations to be His special people, He has likewise chosen those who are obedient to His will out of the world to be His special people.

Second, in Christ, we have been adopted to be the "children of God" (ver. 5). To be adopted into the family of God means that we will receive all the blessings of the inheritance which would be given to His own family.

Third, He has bestowed upon us the riches of His grace (vers. 6,7,8). God's grace or favor has been bestowed upon all those who are now in His family. Furthermore, His grace continues to be

# FAMILY MATTERS

## ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

### SICK:

Pat Joiner, Leslie Guevara, Letha Angst, Gracie Pope, Michael Baugh, Melba Wilkins, Brenda Rogers, Jackie Flowers, June Breazeale, Sharon Joiner's mother, James Parlor, and Gail Brown, Tim Franks, Jan Moses, Martha Stewart, Coby Gay and Barbra Jenkins aunt to Fred Jenkins.

## LOCAL NEWS

### PANTRY ITEMS FOR THE WEEK:

When buying items for the Pantry, try to buy canned goods that have a top on them that can be opened without a can opener.

**Spaghetti and sauce**

### MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING:

Men's business meeting is today at 4:00 pm

### MONTHLY SINGING:

Our monthly singing is tonight.

### YES WEEKEND:

We have about 20 going to yes weekend next Saturday. Be sure and pray for them and their trip.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF Feb.

Les & Vivian Foster .....2/18/1967  
Paul Foster .....2/10/1970  
Austin Hinson .....2/5/2011  
Sharon Joiner .....2/21/1950  
Roy Scaggs .....2/23/1988  
Wayne & Flora Shepherd .....2/16/1979

Jim Dearman and the TV program "Good News Today" airs on Macon TV every Sunday morning at 6:30 A.M. on WGXA-ABCTV16 both on Cox Cable and over the regular airwaves and may be picked up on an antenna. You can even download an app and see the programs any time you wish. See the website at <http://gnttv.org/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Good-News-Today-TV>.

### SHUT-IN:

Sonny Teagle, Mary Harris  
Crystal Pierce

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