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## **The Believer's Unfathomable Riches in Christ**

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### **Introduction**

When anyone accepts Jesus Christ as their personal Savior they are instantaneously enriched with every spiritual blessing in Christ ([Eph. 1:3](#)) and declared to be complete in Christ ([Col. 2:10](#)). In fact, the Apostle Paul refers to these blessings as "the unfathomable riches of Christ" in [Ephesians 3:8](#). "Unfathomable" is the Greek *anexichniastos* which means "past finding out, unsearchable, not to be tracked out." The idea is that the believer's blessings in Christ are "too deep to be measured." Many of these blessings, however, are clearly defined for us in the Bible. When you receive Jesus Christ by faith, at least the following 34 things are unconditionally promised to you as a member of the body of Christ, the Church, as stated in God's holy Word.

However, if you never receive Jesus Christ by faith as the only begotten Son of God who died on the cross in your place to pay the penalty for your sins, and rose again to ever reign with God the Father, then you will forfeit these awesome blessings.

How can you receive these God-given blessings in Christ? The Bible says:

[John 1:12](#) As many as receive Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

[John 3:36](#) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

[John 8:12](#) Then Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

[John 11:25-26](#) And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

If you have never trusted in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, let me encourage you to believe what the Scripture says about all people and about

the Lord Jesus Christ. God declares to us in the Bible that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God (His holy character), and that the wages of sin is death, physical death and eternal separation from God. But God also declares to us in Scripture that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son, the God-man Savior who died on the cross for the sin of all the world. So what must you do to receive eternal life and the 34 things listed below?

Simply put your trust in Jesus Christ and thank Him for your salvation which He purchased for you by His death on the cross. As soon as you accept Him, you will be born again by the Spirit of God and Christ will come into your heart. At that moment, you will receive the "unfathomable riches of Christ" and the blessings listed below will become your eternal possession.

## **The Position and Possessions of the Believer<sup>1</sup>**

### **1. IN THE ETERNAL PLAN OF GOD**

#### **A. FOREKNOWN**

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[Romans 8:29](#) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

[1 Peter 1:2](#) according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

#### **B. ELECT OF GOD**

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[1 Thessalonians 1:4](#) knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

[1 Peter 1:2](#) according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

[Romans 8:33](#) Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

[Colossians 3:12](#) And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

[Titus 1:1](#) Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

### **C. PREDESTINATED**

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[Ephesians 1:11](#) also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

[Romans 8:29-30](#) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

[Ephesians 1:5](#) He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

### **D. CHOSEN**

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[Matthew 22:14](#) For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

[1 Peter 2:4](#) And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God,

### **E. CALLED**

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[1 Thessalonians 5:24](#) Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

### **2. RECONCILED**

### **A. RECONCILED BY GOD**

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[2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#) Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us 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.

[Colossians 1:20](#) and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

## **B. RECONCILED TO GOD**

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[Romans 5:10](#) For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

[2 Corinthians 5:20](#) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

### 3. REDEEMED

[Colossians 1:14](#) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[1 Peter 1:18](#) knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, [Romans 3:24](#) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

### 4. NO CONDEMNATION

[Romans 8:1](#) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

[John 5:24](#) Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

[1 Corinthians 11:32](#) But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.

[John 3:18](#) 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.

### 5. RELATED TO GOD THROUGH PROPITIATION (THE SATISFACTION OF GOD'S HOLINESS)

[Romans 3:24-26](#) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[1 John 2:2](#) and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

#### 6. ALL SINS REMOVED BY HIS EFFICACIOUS BLOOD

[1 Peter 2:24](#) and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

[Romans 4:25](#) He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

#### 7. VITALLY JOINED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST FOR JUDGMENT OF THE OLD SELF "UNTO A NEW WALK"

### **A. CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST**

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[Romans 6:6](#) knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

### **B. DEAD WITH CHRIST**

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[Romans 6:8](#) Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

[1 Peter 2:24](#) and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

### **C. BURIED WITH CHRIST**

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[Romans 6:4](#) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

[Colossians 2:12](#) having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

## **D. RAISED WITH CHRIST TO WALK BY A NEW LIFE PRINCIPLE**

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[Romans 6:4](#) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

[Colossians 3:1](#) If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

### 8. FREE FROM THE LAW

#### **A. DEAD TO THE LAW**

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[Romans 7:4](#) Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

#### **B. DELIVERED FROM THE LAW**

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[Romans 7:6](#) But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

[Galatians 3:25](#) But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

[Romans 6:14](#) For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

[2 Corinthians 3:11](#) For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains *is* in glory.

### 9. CHILDREN OF GOD

#### **A. BORN AGAIN**

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[John 3:7](#) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'  
[John 1:12](#) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,  
[1 Peter 1:23](#) for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and abiding word of God.

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## **B. QUICKENED**

[Ephesians 2:1](#) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,  
[Colossians 2:13](#) And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

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## **C. CHILDREN OF GOD**

[1 John 3:2](#) Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.  
[2 Corinthians 6:18](#) "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.  
[Galatians 3:26](#) For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

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## **D. A NEW CREATION**

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#) Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.  
[Galatians 6:15](#) For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.  
[Ephesians 2:10](#) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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## **E. REGENERATION**

[Titus 3:5](#) He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

[John 13:10](#) Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*."

[1 Corinthians 6:11](#) And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

#### 10. ADOPTED (PLACED AS ADULT SONS)

[Romans 8:15](#) For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

#### **Also a future adoption:**

[Romans 8:23](#) And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

[Galatians 4:5-7](#) in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

#### 11. ACCEPTABLE TO GOD BY JESUS CHRIST

### **A. MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST**

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[Romans 3:22](#) even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

[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,

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#) He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

[Philippians 3:9](#) and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

### **B. SANCTIFIED POSITIONALLY (POSITIONALLY SET APART IN CHRIST)**

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[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, [1 Corinthians 6:11](#) And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

(This is in no way to be confused with experiential sanctification as mentioned in [John 17:17](#) or the final perfection of the believer as mentioned in [Ephesians 5:27](#) and [1 John 3:3](#).)

### **C. PERFECTED FOREVER**

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[Hebrews 10:14](#) For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

### **D. MADE ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED**

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[Ephesians 1:6](#) to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He freely bestowed on us (made us accepted [KJV]) in the Beloved.

[1 Peter 2:5](#) you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

### **E. MADE QUALIFIED**

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[Colossians 1:12](#) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

#### 12. JUSTIFIED

[Romans 5:1](#) Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

[Romans 3:24](#) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

[Romans 8:30](#) and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

[1 Corinthians 6:11](#) And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

[Titus 3:7](#) that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

### 13. FORGIVEN ALL TRESPASS

[Colossians 1:14](#) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[Colossians 2:13](#) And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

[Colossians 3:13](#) bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

[Ephesians 1:7](#) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

[Ephesians 4:32](#) And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

(A distinction is necessary here, between the complete and abiding judicial forgiveness and the oft-repeated forgiveness within the family of God. See [1 John 1:9](#).)

### 14. MADE NIGH

[Ephesians 2:13](#) But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

(With this, there is a corresponding experience, see [James 4:8](#) and [Hebrews 10:22](#).)

### 15. DELIVERED FROM THE POWERS OF DARKNESS

[Colossians 1:13](#) For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

[Colossians 2:13-15](#) And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had

disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

#### 16. TRANSLATED INTO THE KINGDOM

[Colossians 1:13](#) For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

#### 17. ON THE ROCK, CHRIST JESUS

[1 Corinthians 3:11](#) For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

[Ephesians 2:20](#) having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

[2 Corinthians 1:21](#) Now He who establishes (make firm as on a rock) us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

#### 18. A GIFT FROM GOD THE FATHER TO CHRIST

[John 17:6, 11](#)-12, 20 I manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. ... And I am no more in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, *the name* which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as *We are*. 12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name which Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ... 20 I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

[John 10:29](#) My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

#### 19. CIRCUMCISED IN CHRIST

[Colossians 2:11](#) and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

[Philippians 3:3](#) for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.

[Romans 2:29](#) But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

## 20. PARTAKERS OF THE HOLY AND ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

### A. HOLY PRIESTHOOD

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[1 Peter 2:5](#) you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

### B. ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

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[1 Peter 2:9](#) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

[Revelation 1:6](#) and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him *bethe* glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## 21. CHOSEN GENERATION, A HOLY NATION, AND A PEOPLE OF GOD'S OWN POSSESSION

[1 Peter 2:9](#) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

[Titus 2:14](#) who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

## 22. HAVING ACCESS TO GOD

[Ephesians 2:18](#) for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

[Romans 5:2](#) through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#) Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our

weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

[Hebrews 10:19-20](#) Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

## 23. WITHIN THE "MUCH MORE" CARE OF GOD

[Romans 5:9-10](#) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

### **A. OBJECTS OF HIS LOVE**

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[Ephesians 2:4](#) But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

[Ephesians 5:2](#) and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

### **B. OBJECTS OF HIS GRACE**

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#### **(1) For Salvation**

[Ephesians 2:8](#) For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

#### **(2) For security**

[Romans 5:2](#) through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

[1 Peter 1:5](#) who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

#### **(3) For service**

[Ephesians 2:7](#) in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

#### **(4) For instruction**

[Titus 2:12-13](#) instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

### **C. OBJECTS OF HIS POWER**

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[Ephesians 1:19](#) and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

[Philippians 2:13](#) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

### **D. OBJECTS OF HIS FAITHFULNESS**

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[Hebrews 13:5](#) Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

[Philippians 1:6](#) *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

### **E. OBJECTS OF HIS PEACE**

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[Philippians 4:6-7](#) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[Colossians 3:15](#) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

### **F. OBJECTS OF HIS COMFORT**

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[2 Thessalonians 2:16](#) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace.

## H. OBJECTS OF HIS PERSONAL CARE

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[1 Peter 5:7](#) casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

## H. OBJECTS OF HIS INTERCESSION

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[Hebrews 7:25](#) Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

[Romans 8:34](#) who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

[Hebrews 9:24](#) For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a *mere* copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

### 24. HIS INHERITANCE

[Ephesians 1:18](#) *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

### 25. OUR INHERITANCE

[1 Peter 1:4](#) to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

[Ephesians 1:14](#) who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

[Colossians 3:24](#) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

[Hebrews 9:15](#) And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

### 26. A HEAVENLY ASSOCIATION

[Ephesians 2:6](#) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,

## **A. PARTNERS WITH CHRIST IN LIFE**

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[Colossians 3:4](#) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

[1 John 5:11-12](#) And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His [Son. 12](#) He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

## **B. PARTNERS WITH CHRIST IN POSITION**

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[Ephesians 2:6](#) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,

## **C. PARTNERS WITH CHRIST IN SERVICE**

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[1 Corinthians 1:9](#) God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[1 Corinthians 3:9](#) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

[2 Corinthians 6:4](#) but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

[2 Corinthians 3:6](#) who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

[2 Corinthians 5:20](#) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## **D. PARTNERS WITH CHRIST IN SUFFERING**

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[2 Timothy 2:12](#) If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

[Philippians 1:29](#) For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

[1 Peter 2:20](#) For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

[1 Peter 4:12-13](#) Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

[1 Thessalonians 3:3](#) so that no man may be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this.

[Romans 8:18](#) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

[Colossians 1:24](#) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body which is the church in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

## 27. HEAVENLY CITIZENS

[Philippians 3:20](#) But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (RSV)

[Ephesians 2:19](#) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

[Hebrews 12:22](#) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

[Luke 10:20](#) Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.

## 28. OF THE FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

[Ephesians 2:19](#) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

[Ephesians 3:6](#) *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

[Galatians 6:10](#) So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

## 29. LIGHT IN THE LORD

[Ephesians 5:8](#) for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

[1 Thessalonians 5:4-5](#) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

30. VITALLY UNITED TO THE FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT

## **A. IN GOD**

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[1 Thessalonians 1:1](#) Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

[Ephesians 4:6](#) one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

## **B. IN CHRIST**

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[John 14:20](#) In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

[Colossians 1:27](#) to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

### **(1) A member in His Body**

[1 Corinthians 12:13](#) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **(2) A branch in the Vine**

[John 15:5](#) I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

### **(3) A stone in the Building**

[Ephesians 2:19-22](#) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted

together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

**(4) A sheep in the flock**

[John 10:27-29](#) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

**(5) A priest of the kingdom of priests**

[1 Peter 2:9](#) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**(6) A saint of the new generation**

[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 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ... [1 Peter 2:9](#) But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of the darkness into His marvelous light.

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**C. IN THE SPIRIT**

[Romans 8:9](#) However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

[1 Corinthians 2:12](#) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

31. BLESSED WITH THE "FIRST-FRUITS" AND THE "EARNEST" OF THE SPIRIT

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**A. BORN OF THE SPIRIT**

[John 3:6](#) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

## **B. BAPTIZED BY MEANS OF THE SPIRIT**

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[1 Corinthians 12:13](#) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

[1 Corinthians 10:7](#) And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

## **C. INDWELT BY THE SPIRIT**

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[1 Corinthians 6:19](#) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

[1 Corinthians 2:12](#) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

[John 7:39](#) But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

[Romans 5:5](#) and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

[Romans 8:9](#) However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

[2 Corinthians 1:21](#) Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

[Galatians 4:6](#) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

[1 John 3:24](#) And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

## **D. SEALED WITH THE SPIRIT**

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[Ephesians 4:30](#) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

[2 Corinthians 1:22](#) who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

## **E. ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT**

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[2 Corinthians 1:21](#) Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God.

[1 John 2:20](#) But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

32. GLORIFIED

[Romans 8:30](#) and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

33. COMPLETE IN HIM

[Colossians 2:10](#) and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

34. POSSESSING EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

[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,

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