

MANY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST GO UNCLAIMED

Those spiritual blessings in heavenly places which are ours in Christ may be divided into three classes:

The first is those which come to us immediately upon our believing *unto salvation*, such as *Forgiveness*; *Justification*; *Regeneration*, *Son-Ship to God*, and *Baptism into the Body of Christ*. In Christ we possess these even before we know that they are ours!

The second class is those riches which are ours by inheritance but which we cannot enjoy in actuality until our *Lord returns for in the Rapture*.

These include *ultimate mental and moral perfection*; The *glorification of our bodies*; The *completion of the restoration of the divine image in our redeemed personalities*; and the *admission into the very presence of God to look upon His face forever*.

The third class of *Spiritual treasures* which are ours by blood atonement, but which will not come to us unless we *make a determined effort to possess them*. These are *deliverance from sins of the flesh*; *victory over self*; the *constant flow of the Holyghost through our personalities*; *fruitfulness in Christian service*; *awareness of the presence of God*; *growth in grace*; *an increasing consciousness of union with God and an unbroken spirit of worship*.

These are to us, what the Promised Land was to the children of Israel, and will be entered into as our faith and courage mounts in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 1:3-8 (KJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

⁸ Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Philippians 3:9-14 (KJV)

⁹ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

¹⁰ That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

¹¹ If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.