

ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

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"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," {Ephesians 1: 3}

This passage places all spiritual blessings in Christ. Not some, not a few, not the important ones, but ALL! This leaves out Mohammed, Joseph Smith, and the Pope. If one desires to receive spiritual blessings, they are going to have to be IN CHRIST?

How does one get in Christ? "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Or as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. "{Galatians 3:26,27} One must "put on Christ" to be in Him. We are on the outside looking in until this takes place.

"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." {Romans 6:3,4}

When one is buried into His death they contact the blood. This takes away sin. "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, "{Revelation 1:5}

What spiritual blessings are "in Christ"? Let me give you a few to consider.

NEW CREATURE. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. "{2 Corinthians 5:17} Have you ever wanted to start over? Have a second chance? Have a clean slate? All sins are forgiven and forgotten!

REDEMPTION. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" {Ephesians 1:7} We have been "bought back " We were sold into a slavery of sin and Christ buys us back. No money can do this, only the blood of Christ!

"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. {1 Peter 1:18,19}

INHERITANCE. "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, " {Ephesians 1: 11 } Being a member of the family of God, we have a promise of eternal life.

"To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." {1 Peter 1:4}

NO CONDEMNATION. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. "{Romans 8: 1} We were

guilty, waiting on death row. Because of sin we deserved punishment. In Christ, we gain our reprieve. Our guilt was removed by our obedience to the gospel and the blood of Christ.

CALL GOD YOUR FATHER. "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." {Matthew 6:8,9} What an honor and privilege to be in the family of God and address the Creator as my Father. Sadly, many people outside of his family believe they have the right of prayer, but it's simply not so. Only those who are God's children does He hear to in order to give an answer.

Many other blessings could be listed. Yet, these are for the taking for any who desire them. All one has to be is "in Christ." These blessings can be found in no other. Are you "in Christ" or outside looking in? Easy choice isn't it? ***