

THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

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"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. "{John 1:12} Living in this country, we are abundantly blessed with various blessings and privileges. We have the freedom of working and living in a place of our own choosing; freedom to choose our own mates and friends, and even how we will conduct our lives. Yet, of all the blessings and honors that I have been given, being a member of the household of God is the most precious to me. "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}

When looking at the word, privilege, it is best defined as "a right or immunity granted as a particular advantage, benefit, or favor " (Webster's) How many of us truly look at our lives as Christians as being a privilege?

God's Son died for us while we were yet sinners, Romans 5:8. Nothing that you or I have done, or will do, has earned us the right to be part of the family of God. By God's wonderful grace we have been saved, Ephesians 2:8-10. Man does not deserve the hope of salvation. How thankful are we for this great honor?

Do we have true humility before God? We are the created, not the Creator. We need God, He does not need us. " ... Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. .. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. "{James 4:4-6}

Do you consider the privilege, and comfort, that we have to go to our father in prayer? Whatever we might need, He is always there to listen. He is never too busy, away on vacation, overbooked, nor ever tired of listening to us. {Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 5:7}

I have Christian brethren all over the world. Yet, my closest friend is My Savior, Jesus Christ. He is a friend that is truly concerned about every aspect of my life. He picks me up when I am down, and rejoices with me when I am happy (Romans 12:15). Yes, it's an honor to be a Christian! ***