

# THANK GOD FOR ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS!

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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}

Do we ever take time to consider the many blessings we enjoy being in Christ? Much could be written concerning this subject, but let me give you a few things to think about...

**Thank God For Salvation From Sin.** Where would we be if not for the blood of Christ? One would still be shackled to our sins. No hope and no way out of this terrible bondage.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" {Ephesians 1:7}

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." {Hebrews 2:14,15}

**Thank God For The Revelation Of The Gospel.** Where does man get his direction in life? Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going? What pleases and displeases God? If not for the Bible, we would still be in the dark!

"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" {1 Corinthians 2:10,11}

"To which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." {2 Thessalonians 2: 14}

**Thank God For The Sacrifice Of Jesus Christ.** Where would mankind be without the death of Christ? What if He had been unwilling to fulfill His Father's will? No man's death since, or will ever be, has affected the world like the death of Christ. No greater love has ever been displayed for another.

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins," {Ephesians 2:1}

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour"? But for this purpose I came to this hour." {John 12:27}

"He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." {Matthew 26:39}

**Thank God For Those Who Obey The Gospel.** One of the special blessings, which often goes unnoticed by many of God's people, are our brethren! Who is a greater help in time of trouble? Who understands better the trials and tribulations we face in life? Who has the same goals in their life as we do?

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." {1 John 3:16}

"For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, " {1 Thessalonians 2:15}

What people on God's green earth have more to be thankful for than His children? Who better understands the reason for our existence and the final destination of the soul? May we never forget, as God's children, how truly wonderfully we are blessed. Amen! \*\*\*