

THREE PRESENT BLESSINGS

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Let's discuss what the Scriptures say about some of our **present blessings**:

Forgiveness of Sins. "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." {Acts 13:38,39}

Under Moses' law, there was a yearly "reminder" of sins {Hebrews 10:1-4}. Jeremiah prophesied that under the New Covenant, God would "remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The Hebrew writer confirmed that fact and quoted Jeremiah's prophecy, {Hebrews 8:12}.

Eternal Life. "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:30,31)

Jesus died to give us life. He wants all men to be saved. {1Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9} Only through His death did Christ make it possible for man to one day live in God's presence forever {Romans 5:10-17}.

Salvation. "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." {Romans 10:9,10}

Salvation is an option for mankind only because Jesus Christ gave His life on Calvary's cross to pay a ransom for many {Luke 19:10}. When sin entered the world, it brought enmity, war, and broken fellowship with God. God intervened to accomplish for man what man could not do for himself - provide reconciliation. God offers salvation to all sinners, if they are willing to meet His terms for pardon.

All spiritual blessings are in Christ, Ephesians 1:3. The blessings discussed are just a small portion of what is coming after death and judgment. Rest assured, there are no blessings for those who die unprepared for the judgment of Christ! ***