

BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

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All promises are fulfilled in Him. “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” {2 Corinthians 1:20} Every one of the promises God made to mankind is fulfilled through His Son, Jesus Christ.

All spiritual blessings. “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} Not a single spiritual blessing people seek to obtain can be found outside of Christ.

We are created for good works. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” {Ephesians 2:10} God sent His Son to enable men to perform good works—His good works.

We become new creatures. “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} We become spiritually new when we enter into Christ’s body, the church. The old man of sin goes away.

We are made alive. “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.” {1 Corinthians 15:22} People in sin are spiritually dead {Ephesians 2:1}. Only by becoming part of Christ’s body can we become spiritually alive.

We are reconciled to Him. “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.” {Ephesians 2:14-16} Through Christ, mankind returns to spiritual fellowship with God.

Salvation only in Christ. “Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” {2 Timothy 2:10} We cannot have salvation through any name other than the name of Christ {Acts 4:12}.

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} There is no condemnation in Christ because, in Him, we walk according to the Spirit (God’s mind revealed) and do not follow fleshly lusts.

We can truly rejoice. “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” {Philippians 4:4} The sinner can rejoice because his sins are forgiven—washed away. He is now a child of the King and part of His kingdom. He is our Father, and we are His children. Indeed, we should rejoice.

We are complete. "And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." {Colossians 2:10} One cannot reach spiritual maturity without being in Christ's body.

Blessed in death. "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.'" {Revelation 14:13} We need not fear death; it's the beginning of a new life stage—a better one for those who are faithful.

Please understand two points: God's seed promise to Abraham was fulfilled through Christ. The three precious promises recorded in Genesis 12 are a capsule version of the roadmap to lead sinful men to redemption and reconciliation. All spiritual blessings are located in Christ.—none can be found outside of Him! Where do you want to be? ****