# Spiritual **Blessing** in Christ

Charlie Prior October 24, 2018 AM Service 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:1-14, 2 Peter 1:4, John 15:16, Romans 8:17, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Romans 5:7-8, Ephesians 2:8-9, Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 13:11, 1 Corinthians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 2:9

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

### The very life and nature of God comes into your life when you are born again

### You will never live a victorious Christian life until you know who you are and what you have in Christ

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

### That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

### **Victorious Christian** living does not begin by doing things but by understanding what has already been done

### 2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

# God's spiritual blessings are yours if you are born again

### They are benefits of a relationship with God through **Jesus Christ**

## **God** is pronouncing good things over your life for your benefit

# 1. Chosen by



### John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

### When we accept Jesus we enter into the covenant between Jesus and God

# God chose you before the foundation of the world

# God sees us through the shed blood of **Jesus Christ**

### You are unconditionally loved through **Jesus Christ**

# 2. Adopted

# Just as Jesus has full rights, you have full rights

### **Romans 8:17**

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

## You are

highly

## favored

## **3. Redeemed**

# and forgiven

## Redemption means purchasing a slave or prisoner to set them free

## **Before we found** freedom in Jesus, we were slaves to sin

#### 1 Peter 1:18

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

#### 1 Peter 1:19

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

#### Romans 5:7

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

#### Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

#### **Ephesians 2:8**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

#### **Ephesians 2:9**

# Not of works, lest any man should boast.

# 4. You know the will of God in your life

### It is in Christ Jesus that you find your eternal purpose in your life

## God's truths are not hidden from you, they are hidden for you

#### Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

# Spiritual things are spiritually discerned

#### **Matthew 13:11**

He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

## You can give your all to Jesus and he will never let you down



## Inheritance

#### 1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

# 6. Sealed by

### the Holy

Spirit

# In Christ, believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit

## The Holy

# Spirit sets us

## apart

### **The Holy Spirit is the** down payment to guarantee we are going to receive our benefits in Christ