

Bible Blessings Belonging to the Believer Part I

In found this story that is interesting: One morning R.C. Chapman, a devout Christian, was asked how he was feeling. "I'm burdened this morning!" was his reply. But his happy countenance contradicted his words.

So the questioner exclaimed in surprise, "Are you really burdened, Mr. Chapman?" "Yes, but it's a wonderful burden--it's an overabundance of blessings for which I cannot find enough time or words to express my gratitude!" Seeing the puzzled look on the face of his friend, Chapman added with a smile, "I am referring to Psalm 68:19, which fully describes my condition. In that verse the Father in heaven reminds us that *He 'daily loads us with benefits.'*"

Well, if we are loaded with blessings, what are some of them in the knapsack we have on our back. Lets take a look for the next couple weeks. The first is,

A. An acceptance that can never be questioned. Ephesians 1:6 says what? *to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.*

The NLT says: *So we praise God for the wonderful kindness he has poured out on us because we belong to his dearly loved Son.*

Notice the words "In the beloved" or as the NLT says *because we belong to his dearly loved Son.* It is God, who accepts us into his family, not some person whose mind can change in a moments notice.

Malachi 3:6a says what? "For I, the LORD, do not change; so once accepted always accepted

Secondly he loads our knapsack with

B. An inheritance that can never be lost

I Peter 1:3-5 *All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is **kept in heaven for you**, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him. It will be revealed on the last day for all to see.*

Lets let the Scripture confirm itself with these words found in Matthew 6:19,20 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;*

Think about this, If God is going to keep all of our work, attitudes and giving' s laid up for us where the rust and robber can't get it, how much more will he protect what He Himself has given us

We may have contested wills and family fights about inheritance here on earth, but not so in heaven We will get what is ours.

Next we have

C. A deliverance that can never be excelled 2 Cor. 1:10 *And he did deliver us from mortal danger. And we are confident that he will continue to deliver us.*

When God delivers us from a person or situation, we could not be nor have a better deliverance.

Romans 8:31-39 *What can we say about all of this? If God is for us, who can be against us? God didn't spare his own Son but handed him over to death for all of us. So he will also give us everything along with him. Who will accuse those whom God has chosen? God has approved of them. Who will condemn them? Christ has died, and more importantly, he was brought back to life. Christ has the highest position in heaven. Christ also intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love Christ has for us? Can trouble, distress, persecution, hunger, nakedness, danger, or violent death separate us from his love? As Scripture says: "We are being killed all day long because of you. We are thought of as sheep to be slaughtered." The one who loves us gives us an overwhelming victory in all these difficulties. I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love which Christ Jesus our Lord shows us. We can't be separated by death or life, by angels or rulers, by anything in the present or anything in the future, by forces or powers in the world above or in the world below, or by anything else in creation*

Finally for today we have

D. A grace that can never be limited 2 Corinthians 12:9 *"My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness."*

Paul had a problem that kept giving him a hard time and he had prayed about it over and over. But here we see God's ultimate answer to him. He is saying Paul, I have enough grace to get you through this thing.

What is the biggest problem you have ever had that you finally was able to get past? How did you get past it? Was it something you did or said?

Or more importantly was it really the Lord and his grace that gave you the words or gave you the strength to do it?

If you want to take the credit for getting past it you can, but if you want to give the Lord credit for helping you, then realize afresh that it was his unlimited grace that did it for you.

So how about those blessings that He has placed in our knapsack.

An acceptance that can never be questioned.

An inheritance that can never be lost

A deliverance that can never be excelled AND

A grace that can never be limited

Pretty good stuff isn't it?

In closing, if you have never received Christ, you cannot receive these blessings. To receive Christ simply read these next few lines, think about them and then do them and in that process you and God will do business concerning your eternity and he can put a knapsack on your back as well.

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God. Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and

Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the _____ day of _____ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: _____

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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