

Bible Blessings Belonging to the Believer Part II

Last time we looked at several blessings that the bible lays out for us. They were

- ◆ An acceptance that can never be questioned
- ◆ An inheritance that can never be lost
- ◆ A deliverance that can never be excelled
- ◆ A grace that can never be limited

Today I want to briefly look at several more. The first blessing is

A. A hope that can never be disappointed

Hebrews 6:18, 19 So God has given us both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to his promise with confidence. This confidence is like a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

Thought: Someone said that the greatest enemy of man is not disease but despair. But because God cannot lie and he says to hope in him, then we do not have to despair but we can go forth in a sure hope that can keep us afloat in the rough seas of life.

Secondly, we have

B. A joy that need never be diminished

John 15:8-11 My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father. "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey me, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father and remain in his love. I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

Thought: Here we see that first of all God wants us to have great joy but it also shows us how to get the joy and we see that it comes from bearing fruit. So if you want a joy that is strong and full to the finish, the best way to get it is to be busy about the Master's business.

Isn't it true that as Christians, if we are not producing, we know it and there is little joy produced in us for us to enjoy. We were made to be busy and filled with joy. Are you???

Another blessing is

C. A nearness to God that can never be reversed

Ephesians 2:13 But now you belong to Christ Jesus. Though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought near to him because of the blood of Christ.

Thought: It has been said that if you feel far away from God, guess who moved?

For God's part and for our blessing and encouragement, we see that by the blood of Christ we are near and dear to the heart of God. How's that for a blessing??

Then another blessing is

D. A peace that can never be disturbed

John 14:27 "I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Remember the hymn Sweet Peace The Gift of God's Love

1. There comes to my heart one sweet strain,
A glad and a joyous refrain,
I sing it again and again,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

2. Through Christ on the cross peace was made,
My debt by His death was all paid,
No other foundation is laid.
For peace, the gift of God's love.

3. When Jesus as Lord I had crowned,
My heart with this peace did abound,
In Him the rich blessing I found,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

4. In Jesus for peace I abide,
And as I keep close to His side,
There's nothing but peace doth betide.
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

Chorus:

Peace, peace, sweet peace,
Wonderful gift from above,
Oh, wonderful, wonderful peace,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

Then we have a

E. A righteousness that can never be tarnished

2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

If God is the one who makes us right and if we know that he is perfect and does all things right, and if he declares us righteous through Christ then we have a righteousness that can in no way be tarnished, for if it could, then we would have to admit that Christ can be tarnished. **Correct?**

A final blessing as far as we are looking at here for a couple weeks is

F. A salvation that can never be canceled

Hebrews 5:9 In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

If salvation is not by works and this verse says eternal salvation is for all who obey him then what is he talking about?

The only thing we have to obey in order to get this eternal salvation, is for us to obey the call of God in our lives to come to Christ and receive him as Saviour.

John 1:12 says but as many as received.

I John 5:12 says So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son does not have life.

So we need to tell people that the way to get this blessing of an eternal salvation is for them to obey and respond to God's call on their lives.

II Peter 3:9 says The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.

In closing, maybe the last blessing we looked at should be the first one but either way we are indeed a blessed people aren't we?

If you are reading this and you have not yet received this free salvation all you need to do is read the following few lines and follow the instructions. In doing that you too can have a salvation that can never be canceled. Here is how to get it.

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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