COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS...

Ephesians 1: 3-13





AND IT WILL SURPRISE YOU WHAT THE LORD HATH DONE......

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What are we "blessed" with??

<u>Blessings</u>	<u>Stress</u>	<u>Bible</u>
-Comfortable home -Job -Big savings account -Nice retirement -Ample clothing, food -Family, Friends	-Mortgage Payment(s) -Job (hrs, pay, boss) -Financial problems -401K/Pension down -Affording fashion -Strained relationships	EIDIE Luke 12:16-17 James 5:1-3 1 Tim 6:10, 17 Matt 6:19-21 Luke 12:22-24,30 Matt 10:34-37
-Car(s) -Nice vacations -Luxuries	-Repair, payment, cost -High cost/spending -Credit card debt high	Matt 6:19 James 5:5-6

•James 1:17, 1 Thess 5:18, Eph 5:20 Thank God for all things, Every good gift...

The Bible's view of Blessings

•Psalms 40:5 •Eph 1:3



- In Christ
 - •Eph 1:3-5, John 1:12 (children of God, sons)
- How do we enter into this relationship?
 - •Gal 3:27-29 (baptized into Christ)
 - •Gal 4:4-7 (now sons thru Christ)
 - •2 Cor 5:17 (in Christ, we are a new creation)

• The blessing of a New Life

- •Gal 2:20-21- Paul's new life in Christ
- •Rom 6:6 old life is crucified, new one
- •Col 3:9- Put off the old one/sin
- •Gal 5:22- new is love, peace, joy, faith
- •Eph 4:24- created in righteousness

•The blessing of a New Family

- •Eph 2:19 members of the household of God
- •Eph 3:14 whole family
- •Gal 4:7 sons, therefore brothers/sisters
- •Col 3:12-15 Paul speaks of this relationship & value

•The blessing of a New Hope

- •1 Pet 1:3, Heb 6:19
- •The blessing of Joy

•Rom 15:13 , 1 Pet 1:8-9

•The blessing of <u>Peace</u>

•Rom 15:13, Phil 4:7

- •The blessing of Love
 - •John 3:16, 1 John 4:7-11,19
- •The blessing of Forgiveness
 - •Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, 1 John 1:9
- •The blessing of Boldness, Assurance, Confidence
 - •1 John 4:17, Heb 6:11, 1 John 2:28

•The blessing of Wisdom

•Col 2:2, James 1:5

•The blessing of Encouragement

•Col 3;16, Acts 2:46

•The blessing of a New Home/Heaven

- •Eph 1:11- we have obtained an inheritance (salvation)
- •1 Pet 1:3 it is incorruptible
- •John 14:2 preparing a place/mansion
- •1 Cor 2:9-10, Rev 21-22

These blessing are found <u>only</u> in Christ and there is salvation in no other name

•Eph 1:3, Acts 4:12

•Eph 1:7 - redemption is thru his blood

Gal 3:26-27 — "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ ... and if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."

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