

Review: People, Prayer and Praise

The heavenly realms are *The invisible realities of our life now.*

7 Blessings of Highly Elected People!

Blessing #1 God Chose us to be holy and blameless!

Blessing #2 God has adopted me into His Family!

- Life Application: “It’s Not About Me”... My life is meant to bring glory to God!
- Life Application: I am meant to receive the Grace of God!

Blessing #3: We are redeemed and forgiven.

Ephesians 1:7-8 *“In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sin, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished upon us with all wisdom and understanding.”*

Two things that happen in our lives because of Christ’s blood:

1. **Redemption:** Purchased by Christ; you and I are useless until we’re purchased by Christ.
 - Sitting on the shelf before we are purchased...
 - A slave shackled on the auction block...
 -
2. **Forgive:** Our sin has been “carried away” or “dismissed”
 - Jesus was your scapegoat
 -

Psalms 103:12 says, *“He has taken our sins away as far as the east is from the west.”*

*“When Aaron who was the high priest finished making atonement for the most holy place he shall bring forward the live goat and he is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of all the Israelites, **all their sins** and put them on the goat’s head and then send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. And the goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place. And the man shall release it in the desert” Lev. 16:9-*

- Which debt is canceled?
- How? The cost is the blood of Jesus Christ.
- Blood 400X vs Faith 270X If you remove the blood from the Bible it’s like removing all the definitions from a dictionary. It would be worthless.

2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us what God did through the blood of Jesus Christ. *“**God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**”*

I want, but there is a COST!

- I want to have confidence in God’s presence.
- I want to be able to talk to Him.
- I want cleansing from sin and guilt in my life.
- I want to have peace. I want to have the church!
- I want _____

SIN HAS A COST: *When people sin, they earn what sin pays — death. But God gives us a free gift — life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Rom 6:23NCV

Lust/Greed/Pride/ All move about freely within your heart and mind and you know it!!

Rather than admitting our condition we continue to live the lie.

“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. Matt 15:19 NASU

Governors have affairs: Congress Men will get addicted to perversions: Lawyers will deceive: Judges will miss judge: Cardiologist have no control over their own hearts: Pastors speed and much worse...:

Have you noticed that knowing the right thing doesn’t guarantee that you will do it?

We don't have a knowledge problem Paul in **Rom 7:14-15**

14 *For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.*

Paul in Rom 7:24 *I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me?* **THE MESSAGE**

- Even Jesus couldn't come and "teach" us out of sin and its control over us!

WHEN YOU ADMIT WHO YOU ARE – You realize the solution is going to have to come from the Spiritual dimension!! Eph 1:3

who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

Moralizing or Teaching and knowing the right thing doesn't guarantee you will do it!

- It is not enough because of the Spiritual nature of human beings.
- The "lost-ness" of the human heart - the very nature of this malady is spiritual

Sin: Wounds Dismembers and Destroys Purpose!

- You become deceptive in your marriage and you will wound, dismember...Purpose
- You become dishonest as an employee...

Spiritual Blessing #3

1. **Redemption:** Purchased by Christ; let out of the prison cell of the torments of sin

2. **Forgive:** Our sin has been "carried away" or "dismissed"

- Jesus was your scapegoat

Where is sin destroying your life right now?

When will realize you can not put a Band-Aid on a sucking chest wound?

Ephesians 1:7-8 *"In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sin, ..., in accordance with the **riches of God's grace** that **He lavished upon us** with all wisdom and understanding."*

What am I doing with the grace He has "lavished"?

Life Application: Are you receiving it _____?

Life Application: Are you giving it _____?