

Immersed in the Blessing pt2 – The Importance of the Blessing

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[Gal 3:13-14 NASB95] 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- Is the blessing a big deal? Jesus died so we can live in the blessing of God.
- The fact that Jesus died so we can walk in the blessing makes it important.

What makes the blessing so important?

Here are four truths that make the blessing important.

I. The importance of the blessing starts with the removal of the curse.

- a. The curse of the law is found in many places. One of those places is Deuteronomy 28.
- b. The curse involves:
 - i. The Lord will be against them. V.20
 - ii. Finances and materials. V.38-40
 - iii. Defeat. V.25
 - iv. Sickness. V.58-61
 - v. Family brokenness. V.53-57

II. The importance of the blessing gives us access to the blessing of Abraham.

- a. The blessing of Abraham
 - i. Relationship with God. [Jas 2:23 NASB95] 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.
 - ii. Financial prosperity. [Gen 13:2 NASB95] 2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.
 - iii. Victory over your enemies. [Gen 14:14-16 NASB95] 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.
 - iv. Physical healing. [Rom 4:17-21 NASB95] 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.
 - v. Wholeness in family relationships. [Gen 17:7-9 NASB95] 7 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the

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land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." 9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

III. The importance of the blessing results in us receiving the promise of the Spirit.

- a. God wants to empower us with His Spirit.
- b. This is fulfilled in two places:
 - i. Regeneration. [Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
 - ii. Spirit baptism. [Act 2:1-4 NASB95] 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- c. God desires to be with us through His Spirit.

IV. The importance of the blessing is accessed by faith.

- a. Believe that God's blessing on you makes you increase.
 - i. God desires for you to prosper. [Deu 8:18 NASB95] 18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as [it is] this day.
 - ii. Believe for increase.
- b. Believe that God's blessing on you is for the earth today. Gen. 1:26-28
 - i. Jesus affirmed it now. [Mat 6:10 NASB95] 10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
 - ii. Paul spoke of it now. [Rom 8:19 NASB95] 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.
 - iii. This earth has been given to us. [Psa 115:16 NASB95] 16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.
 - iv. Start expecting the blessing to work while we occupy the earth.
- c. Make this a daily confession.
 - i. [Heb 4:14 NASB95] 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
 - ii. JFB: As the genitive follows, the literal, sense is, "Let us take hold of our profession," that is, of the faith and hope which are subjects of our profession and confession.
 - iii. Jesus, as High Priest, takes our confession before God. The Psalmist declared these things as a confession of faith.
- d. Meditate on these truths.
 - i. [Psa 119:15 NASB95] 15 I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways.
 - ii. There is power when we meditate on truths from God's Word.
- e. March against the enemy with these truths.
 - i. [Eph 6:17 NASB95] 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
 - ii. Word of God = rhema of God = a thing spoke...a promise... utterance
 - iii. The Word coming out of your mouth is a weapon against the enemy.

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- **The importance of the blessing is found in the fact that Jesus died so that by faith in Him, we can be redeemed from the curse, walk in the blessings like Abraham did, receive the Holy Spirit.**