33 Riches of Divine Grace

#33 Possessing Every Spiritual Blessing

- *Eph 1:3 "Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with* ***all spiritual blessings*** *in heavenly [places] in Christ:"*
  - The last of the 33 riches of divine grace.
  - And can any verse more perfectly account for all of these riches than *Eph 1:3*?
  - Notice ***in Christ*** – so important
    - Why?
      - Positional truth
        - » *Eph 2:5,6 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath* ***raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus:***

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» *1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God----and righteousness and sanctification and redemption----*

– Conditional – the life

» *1 John 5:12 "**He who has the Son has life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."*

» *Gal 2:20, 21 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; **yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."*

– *In heavenly places* is literally the *heavenlies*

- *John 3:12 "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you **heavenly things**?*
- This is in contrast to that which is *earthly*.
  - Compare earthly blessings (man-focused) with those originating in the heavenlies (Christ-focused).

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- Remember always *Phil 3:20 "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,"*

- In its entirety, *Eph 1:3-14* sets forth summarily the **Grace of God**:
  - *Eph 1:3* - the Father's work of love
  - *Eph 1:4* - choosing us to *holiness*
  - *Eph 1:5* - *sonship*
  - *Eph 1:6 – acceptance in the Beloved*
  - *Eph 1:7* - *redemption*
  - *Eph 1:9* - knowledge of the *mystery of His will*
  - *Eph 1:11* - *an inheritance*
  - *Eph 1:13 – sealed with the Holy Spirit*
  - *Eph 1:14* - giving an *earnest of our inheritance*

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- So how do we avail ourselves of the endless spiritual blessings of His wonderful Grace?
  - *Gal 3:9 "So then **those who are of faith are blessed** with believing Abraham."*
    - This is the same principle that exists for our salvation
      - » *Eph 2:8 "For **by Grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"*
  - *John 15:2-5 "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **Abide in me, and I in you**. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine;** no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing**."*

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– And how do we abide in Him?

- *II Cor 3:18 "But we all, with open face* ***beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord****, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Let's now review the other 32 Riches of Divine Grace and see how they relate to all of the spiritual blessings of *Eph 1:3.*

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- In the eternal plan of God
- Redeemed
- Reconciled
- Related to God through propitiation
- Forgiven all trespasses
- Conjoined to Christ for the judgment of the old man
- Free from the Law
- Children of God
- Adopted
- Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ
- Justified
- Made nigh
- Delivered from the power of darkness
- Translated into the Kingdom of the Son of His love
- On the rock, Christ Jesus
- A gift from God the Father to Christ
- Circumcised in Christ
- Partakers of the holy and royal priesthood
- A chosen generation, a holy nation, a peculiar people
- Heavenly citizens
- Of the family and household of God
- In the fellowship of the saints
- A heavenly association
- Having access to God
- Within the much more care of God
- His inheritance
- The inheritance of the saints
- Light of the Lord
- United to the Father, the Son the Holy Spirit
- Blessed with the earnest of first-fruits of the Spirit
- Glorified
- Complete in Him

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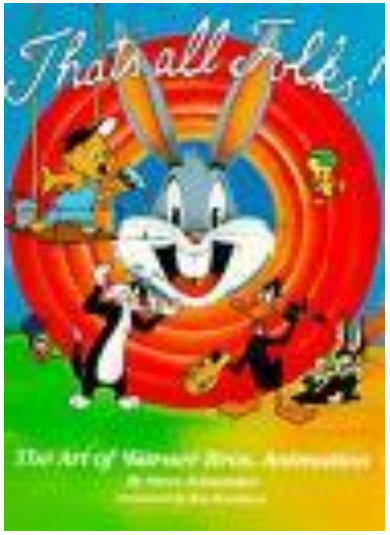
'If all spiritual blessings extend to believers
Why are we so reluctant to become receivers?
In works and law we are preoccupied
While Adam gloats to be ever satisfied
Let's rest in grace by faith to be achievers' RHE