

God's Blessings to Us

God's blessings are abundant, seen throughout the pages of the Bible. From the very beginning, God created everything, blessing it. Throughout the Old and New Testament, we see the Lord actively benefitting those selected individuals who obeyed and trusted in Him. As present day believers, we also have been given numerous blessings that require our time-given effort to reflect upon, thanking God. This Bible study purposefully presents some of the many blessings detailed in The Word that have been bestowed upon us.

God's blessings are abundant and varied. Here are some examples:

- **Salvation:** Through faith in Christ, we have been given the gift of salvation, which means that we have the ability to enter into eternal life with God if we believe and follow his ways.
- **Forgiveness:** When we confess our sins to God and repent, He forgives us and purifies us from all unrighteousness.
- **Peace:** God has blessed us with a peace that is above all understanding, which allows us to face the trials and challenges of life with confidence.
- **Provision:** God has promised to provide for all of our needs to those who believe. He will provide for his children.
- **Love:** God loves us unconditionally, and this love is a blessing that we can experience every day.
- **Joy:** The joy of the Lord is our strength, and God has blessed us with the ability to experience joy even in difficult circumstances as He is the one who shows us the light at the end of the tunnel.
- **Wisdom:** God has promised to give wisdom to those who ask for it, this wisdom is a blessing that helps us make wise decisions and live a fulfilling life in His ways.
- **Guidance:** God has promised to guide us and lead us on the path of righteousness.
- **Healing:** God is a God of healing, and He has the power to heal us physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- **Community:** God has given us the gift of community, which means that we can fellowship with other believers and support one another.

These are just a few of the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. As believers, we should take time to reflect on these blessings and thank God for His goodness and faithfulness. Let us go into more detail about the top three blessings that our Lord provides...

Salvation

The greatest blessing that God has given us is salvation through faith in His Son. God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us, so that we could have eternal life with Him. This is a blessing that we cannot earn or deserve, but is given to us freely by God's grace. It is through faith in Christ that we are saved and have eternal life with God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23

The Bible tells us that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. This means that we are separated from God and cannot have a relationship with Him on our own.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." - Acts 3:19

In order to receive the gift of salvation, we must repent of our sins and turn to God in faith. This means that we acknowledge our need for a Savior and put our trust in Jesus Christ and repent of your sinful ways and change.

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." - 1 John 5:13

Once we have repented of our sins and put our trust in Jesus Christ, we can be assured of our salvation. This assurance comes from the promises of God in His Word, which tell us that we have eternal life through faith in Jesus.

Forgiveness

God has also blessed us with the gift of forgiveness. When we confess our sins to God and change from our evil ways, He forgives us. This is a blessing that we can experience every day, as we turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. Forgiveness is an essential part of the Christian life. It is through forgiveness that we are able to receive God's grace and extend that grace to others.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:9

God is a God of forgiveness, and He promises to forgive us when we confess our sins to Him. This forgiveness is not only based on our own merit and repentance, but also on God's grace and mercy to accept your changed ways to truly forgive and allow you to be eligible for his blessings again.

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." - Colossians 3:13

Just as God has forgiven us, we are called to forgive others. This can be difficult, but it is essential for us to love our brother just as He loves us. The golden rule must be followed, do unto others as you want them to do unto you.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness has the power to heal relationships and bring about reconciliation. When we forgive others, we are not only releasing them from their debt to us, but we are also freeing ourselves from the burden of anger and bitterness.

Peace

God has also blessed us with peace. This peace is not like the peace that the world gives, but is a peace that only comes from knowing and trusting in God. Peace is a precious gift that is often sought after but rarely found. In a world filled with chaos and turmoil, peace is something that can be elusive. This is inner peace, something that only our Father can give to us. This peace allows us to face the trials and challenges of life with confidence, knowing that God is in control and that He is with us.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27

God is the source of true peace. He offers us a peace that is not dependent on our circumstances or our feelings, but is based on His unchanging character and love for us.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." - Colossians 3:15

As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers and to live in peace with one another. This is not always easy, but it is essential to our witness to others and our ability to love our brothers as the Lord loves us.

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." - Ephesians 2:14

The peace that the Lord offers comes at a cost. He had to die on the cross to remove the barrier between us and God and to bring us into a right relationship with Him.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." - Galatians 5:22-23

As we cultivate a heart of peace and allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, we will begin to see the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. This fruit is evidence of the work that God is doing in us, and it is a witness to the world of the transformative power of the gospel.

God has blessed us with so many gifts, including salvation, forgiveness, and peace. As we reflect on these blessings, let us remember to thank the Lord for His love and faithfulness. May

we also be inspired to share these blessings with others, so that they too may come to know the love and grace of our Lord and Savior.

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Proverb to ponder:

“The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.”
Proverbs 10:22

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