

## BLESSINGS



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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of September 9, 2018

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## MY STORY

1 This weekend we were reminded that God has blessed us in many ways. In what ways has God specifically blessed you?

How do you show gratitude towards God for His many blessings to you?

2 What does this passage reveal about the character of God?

Knowing that our blessings come through Christ, what does it mean to live in Christ?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1 Looking at the passages below, what blessings do we receive when the Holy Spirit indwell us?

**Rom 8:2-4, ESV** – <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**Rom 8:13-17, ESV** – <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**2 Cor 5:17-18, ESV** – <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

What is the ministry of reconciliation that God has given us?

2 When reading verses about our identity in Christ, we see that we have been united (grafted) with Him. What insight do the following verses give regarding how we should live in light of this understanding?

**Rom 6:3-11, ESV** – <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the

dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Col 3:1-3, ESV** – If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

In what specific ways can you set your mind on things above and not things of the earth?

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This Weekend, we learned that we receive blessings from God and that we are called to share those blessings with others. Based on the passages below, how do we have everything we need to live a holy life?

Why is it important that each member of the church strive to live a holy and blameless life?

**2 Peter 1:3-4, ESV** – <sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**Phil 2:12-18, ESV** – <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

How do these passages give clarity regarding your role in receiving blessings from God?

## TAKING IT HOME

As you think through the sermon and this week's study, is there anything you'd like to focus on or change in the coming week?

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## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 15:1-17  
1 Tim 1:12-17  
Rom 5:15-17  
2 Cor 12:9-10