

# Blessed Of God

Eph. 1:3

Introduction:

- A. “Blessed be the God ... who has blessed us...”
  - 1. “Blessed” and “blessings” from anglicized “eulogize or eulogy.
  - 2. Paul eulogized (praise) God for eulogizing (blessing) us with His eulogies (blessings).
- B. We need reminding often that we are “blessed of God.”
  - 1. Good times — has “given us richly all things to enjoy.” (Cf. 1 Tim. 6:17).
  - 2. Hard times — has provided “help in time of need.” (Heb. 4:16)
- C. We are *blessed of God* in two capacities.

Discussion:

## I. As Human Beings.

- A. Blessed all with life. (Acts 17:26-28).
  - 1. With means to sustain, enrich and enjoy it. (cf. Dan. 2:21; Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:17).
  - 2. Basic necessities and beyond.
- B. With superiority over other creatures. (Heb. 2:6-8)
  - 1. Spirit.
  - 2. Intelligence.
  - 3. Language.
- C. With institutions and relationships for benefit and pleasure.
  - 1. Marriage.
  - 2. Government
- D. With the means of salvation (Tit. 2:11, 12).

## II. As Christians.

- A. With being “in Christ”
  - 1. The realm of all spiritual blessings.
  - 2. Baptized into Christ—composing the church. (Gal. 3:26,27; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- B. With all the benefits (graces) of the redemptive work of Christ. (Ephesians)
  - 1. Adoption. (1:5).
  - 2. Acceptance. (1:6).
  - 3. Redemption/forgiveness (1:7)
  - 4. Revelation/gospel of our salvation. (1:8-13).
  - 5. Unity/fellowship in and under Christ. (1:10; 2:16,17; 4:4; 1:22,23)
  - 6. Assurance. (1:14).
- C. With conditional promises for physical and mental well-being. (cf. Mt. 6:31-34; Phil. 4:7).

Conclusion:

- A. All mankind may receive temporal blessings.
- B. Only Christians receive spiritual blessings — “in Christ”.
- C. Why not put on Christ today by obedience to the gospel?