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*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## **The Blessings of God**

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**T**he blessings of God are of two kinds: physical and spiritual. The physical blessings are such things as the sunshine, air we breathe, our homes, clothing and other such physical things (Matthew 5:45). The spiritual blessings of God have to do with such things as:

**Peace.** The Lord declared, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace...” (John 16:33). Peace “which passeth all understanding” is available in Christ (Philippians 4:6-7).

**Redemption.** Romans 3:24 says, “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Jesus paid the price for our redemption when He shed His blood on the cross. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things...But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

**The Forgiveness of Sins.** It is said of Christ, “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:7). One does not have the forgiveness of his past sins until he gets into Christ!

**Salvation.** Paul spoke to Timothy about “the salvation which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:10). There is no way one can en-

joy the blessing of salvation outside of Christ. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

**The Promise of Life.** 2 Timothy 1:1 mentions “...the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.” To have “hope of eternal life” (Titus 1:2; 3:7), one must be in Christ where this life is (1 John 5:11).

Would you like to have these blessings? Would you be willing to do what God says to do in order to have these blessings? These blessings are in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Just how does one get into Christ? “...baptized into Christ” (Galatians 3:27) - that’s how!

### **Blessings in Christ**

(Ephesians 1:3)

Peace  
Redemption  
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Promise of Eternal Life

Baptized  
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# “What Shall We Do?”

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**T**he greatest of questions was asked in Acts 2:37: “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” This came from those convicted of sin by the pointed preaching of Peter concerning Jesus (Acts 2:22-36). This brief writing calls attention to the answer given to this question.

**What They Were Not Told.** First of all, they were not told God unconditionally preselected the individual to be saved or to be lost, without involving their choice, and that there was nothing they could do. Nor were they told that God, in His grace, had already done everything and that there was nothing for them to do. They were not told to just believe and they would be saved. And they were not told to pray “the sinner’s prayer.” Nor were they told that they needed to “get” the Holy Spirit. Why is it that many today tell us things that folks in the New Testament were never told in being saved?

**What They Were Told.** Take your Bible and read Acts 2:38 in black and white for yourself. “Then Peter said unto them [now here is what they were told], Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

**Repent.** To repent is to change one’s mind and course of action. The Lord declared, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). God “...commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30).

**Be baptized.** Baptism is an immersion in water (Acts 8:36-38). It is necessary to “...be saved” (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

The purpose of repentance and baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). This is the same purpose for which Jesus shed His blood (Matthew 26:28). If baptism was unnecessary, then it wasn’t necessary for them to repent either. If baptism is not essential, then it wasn’t necessary for Jesus to shed His blood.

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:41, 47). To receive the remission of sins and be added to the church of the Lord, we must simply do what they were told to do. Why not do it now? “...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

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