

THE BLESSING: UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL FOR PROSPERITY

Session Four: "Already Blessed"

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I. REVIEW

A. 3 John 2

- **KJV** "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
- **AMP** "Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed *and* prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually]."

B. Previous Sessions

1. What does the blessing look like?

Increase / multiplication / abundance / supernatural harvest / accelerated harvest

2. Renewing your mind in the blessing:

The necessity of possessing right thinking regarding the blessing.

II. You're Already Blessed

Many struggle when they hear people say, "You already have it." This was a personal struggle for me when the Lord began leading me into faith and healing teaching. How is it possible that I already have something when my body says something different?

A. Scriptures for Consideration

1. **Eph 1:1-12 NKJV**

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Redemption in Christ

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all



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things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory."

- a. When Paul is writing regarding what Jesus did for us, he always speaks in **past tense**.
- b. Other translations of specific verses:
 - V. 3: "Who has blessed us"

YLT "Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who did bless us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

GWT "Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through Christ, <u>God has blessed us</u> with every spiritual blessing that heaven has to offer."

• V. 7: "We have redemption"

Have = have and to hold; hold possession of; to possess

PASTOR'S NOTE: We already possess / have / hold in our possession REDEMPTION and <u>all</u> the things redemption makes available to us (except for the full redemption of our body that occurs when we receive a new body at the resurrection).

• V. 11: "We have obtained an inheritance."

YLT "in whom also **we did obtain an inheritance**, being foreordained according to the purpose of Him who the all things is working according to the counsel of His will."

PASTOR'S NOTE: We do not need to focus our attention on <u>trying</u> to obtain whatever we have <u>already</u> OBTAINED.

- 2. Eph 2:2 NKJV "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins"
- 3. **Eph 2:5-6 NKJV** "Even when we were dead in trespasses, <u>made us alive</u> together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and <u>made *us* sit together</u> in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus"



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- 4. **Eph 2:13 NKJV** "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been** brought near by the blood of Christ."
- 5. **Eph 2:18 NKJV** "For through Him we both **have access** by one Spirit to the Father."
- 6. Col 1:13-14 NKJV "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."
- 7. **Col 1:19-23 NKJV** "For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. **And you,** who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, **yet now He has reconciled** in the body of His flesh through death, **to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.**"

PASTOR'S NOTE: My part = Keep my faith in Christ. Keep my position in Him.

"If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister."

8. 1 Peter 2:24

- NKJV "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."
- NIV "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."
- AMP (Partial) "by His wounds you [who believe] have been healed."
- **GWT** "His wounds have healed you."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Why is the phraseology past tense? Because healing was purchased and made available to every believer in the redemption price of Jesus and may now be received by faith in what has already been provided.



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- Church of God Declaration of Faith "We Believe divine healing is provided for all in the atonement."
- B. How is it that we can say we are already blessed or healed and not see the manifestation yet?
 - 1. Everything we need has been freely given to us in our covenant.
 - a. There is too much emphasis on trying to get God to release what has already been provided.
 - b. This is a lack of knowledge regarding our benefits and a lack of faith to receive.
 - 2. Faith reaches into the realm of the unseen and takes those things that are available prior to seeing them in the natural world.
 - a. **Hebrews 11:1**
 - KJV "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
 - AMP "Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]"
 - **HCSB** "Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen."
 - **GWT** "Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see."
 - b. 2 Cor 5:7 NKJV "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Faith is not connected to our natural senses. It is connected to our Spirit, which allows us to SEE things the natural eyes do not see. I see myself blessed because He has already blessed me with every blessing. I see myself healed because with his stripes I have already been healed.

- 3. Faith calleth those things that are not in existence (in the <u>natural</u> realm) as though they do exist (because they <u>do</u> exist in the <u>spiritual</u> realm).
 - a. Romans 4:17
 - Abraham agreed with God as he called things into existence:
 - "...(as it is written [in Scripture], 'I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS') in the sight of Him in whom he believed, that is, God



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who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist."

- b. Mark 11:23-24 NKJV "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."
- c. **2 Cor 4:13 NKJV** "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak..."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Faith believes (before receiving in the natural world) and speaks / confesses based upon the covenant promises of God. By believing and speaking, we bring things from the unseen realm into our world.

- d. By believing and speaking, we are agreeing with God:
 - We are giving Him permission to work in our life.
 - We are activating His Word / Promises in life.
 - We are partaking of His divine provision and bringing it into physical manifestation in our world.
- 4. When we call things into our lives by faith, we are not lying about our condition. We are speaking from another realm the realm of faith.

PASTOR'S NOTE: During my personal battle with Leukemia, I made my confession boldly and often despite what my body said. This was primarily in my personal and private time, but also in the presence of my family. I did not make that declaration as often in the presence of others. Making your confession too boldly in the presence of unbelievers will open the door for doubt and unbelief. I only made my confession in the presence of my doctor to the level He could receive. I make it a practice only to make my confession in the presence of those I do not know personally as the Lord leads. There have been times I have kindly disagreed with people, while at other times I have remained silent. Allow the Lord to lead you in your confession.