

**Overflow Part 9 – Salvation**  
**Blessed to Be a Blessing 12-24-17**

We are Loved to love; saved to save; healed to heal; given His Life to help people live; provided for to be givers; received peace to give peace; filled w/ joy to bring joy; wisdom to give wisdom; friends to be friendly

*We've been blessed from God!*

**1 Timothy 6:17b** ...Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. **NKJV** *who gives us richly all things to enjoy*

**John 3:16** **For God so loved the world that He gave...**

**John 10:10b** ...**I have come that you might have life... more abundantly.**

**James 1:17 NKJV** Every good & perfect gift is from above, & comes down from the Father of lights...

*This series has been about His blessings, & also our generosity & giving.*

**Romans 15:13** I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely w/ joy & peace because you trust in Him. Then you'll overflow w/ confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*If God can get His blessings, His LIFE through you, He'll get them to you.*

**PROVISION IS FOR A PURPOSE**

**SALVATION - The Life-Giving Gift of God**

**Matthew 1:20** ...An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

“Joseph,” the angel said, “don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The child w/in her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 She’ll have a son, & you’re to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

***The hope that Jesus brings, the joy & the peace, all culminate in His salvation. The real & wonderful meaning of Christmas is that Jesus came to earth to redeem us.***

**Luke 2:25** ...there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous & devout & was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come & rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him 26 & had revealed to him that he wouldn't die until he'd seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. When Mary & Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, 28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms & praised God, saying, 29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. 30 I've seen your salvation, 31 which You've prepared for all people. 32 He's a light to reveal God to the nations & He's the glory of Your people Israel"

*By the power of the Holy Spirit, Simeon knew Jesus was the Messiah, the One who would save them, the One they'd been waiting. For thousands of years the Jewish people had been waiting for the Savior, the Messiah, the Christ, whom God had promised. Jesus was & is the fulfillment of prophecy. We don't have to wait anymore. The proclamation of angels, the rejoicing of shepherds, the worshipping of wise men all declare it!*

**Luke 2:8** That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that'll bring great joy to all people.11 The Savior; the Messiah, the Lord has been born today in Bethlehem!12 You'll recognize Him by this sign: You'll find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God & saying, 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven & peace on earth to those w/ whom God is pleased."

**\*Jesus willingly gave up heaven to come to a broken world to SAVE us.**

**Hebrews 12:2b** ...Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

*Jesus had joy because He knew the story wouldn't end at the cross. He came from heaven w/ the purpose of saving us, & it brought Him joy.*

**Philippians 2:6** Though He was God, He didn't think of equality w/ God as something to cling to.<sup>7</sup> Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave & was born as a human. When He appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> He humbled Himself in obedience to God & died a criminal's death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor & gave Him the name above all other names, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven & on earth & under the earth, <sup>11</sup> & every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**1 Timothy 1:14** How generous & gracious our Lord was! He filled me w/ the faith & love that came from Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, & everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" & I'm the worst of them all. <sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of His great patience w/ even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in Him & receive eternal life.

**Romans 3:22** We're made right w/ God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. This is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. <sup>23</sup> Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. <sup>25</sup> God

presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.

**Philippians 1:11** May you always be filled w/ the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ; this'll bring glory & praise to God.

*The salvation Jesus brought for us is made up of both mercy & grace. Mercy's not getting what we deserve. Grace is getting what we don't deserve. Once we're saved, we're adopted into His home & His family. Salvation gives us all the benefits & privileges of being His children. At the cross, an exchange took place: Christ took on all our sin & guilt. He gave us His righteousness. When God looks at us, He no longer sees our sin; He sees the righteousness & blamelessness of Jesus.*

**Romans 1:16 NKJV** I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it's the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...

**1 Timothy 2:3** This is good & pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved & to understand the truth. 5 There's one God & one Mediator who can reconcile God & humanity—the man Christ Jesus. 6 He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

*Jesus' sinless life, willing death and powerful resurrection paid the ransom for our lives. This is the truth the apostles preached.*

**Acts 4:12** There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

***This is the Truth of Christmas, Jesus our salvation.***