



Blessings You Now Possess

Congratulations on the important step you have just taken! You have been baptized into Christ. You have obtained the grace of God that brings total forgiveness of sin a whole new life. This lesson will help you realize the tremendous new benefits that are yours as a child of God. All of the blessings below are described in just one chapter of your Bible. It would be good for you to mark or underline the verses that tell each blessing as you read them and to review them often. Turn in your Bible to Romans 8 and notice the points listed below.

1. **YOU ARE NO LONGER UNDER CONDEMNATION.** (Romans 8:1-2) Previously, before the step of obedience and faith you just took, you were like a condemned criminal waiting on death row for the day of your execution. Romans 6:23 says, “*The wages of sin is death,*” and you had to pay. Now however, you are free! Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has paid the debt for you. Be sure to be faithful to Him in your new life as a Christian and remain “in Him.”
2. **YOU NOW HAVE THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** (Romans 8:9-10; Acts 2:38) The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead who will come, as God has promised, and live in you life to help you obey and serve in a way that is a proper response to the tremendous grace God has given. He will help bring the fruit in your life that will identify you as a Christian to others around you. (Galatians 5:22-23)
3. **YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.** (Romans 8:11) Since you now have the Holy Spirit living in you, the promise here is that God will give life to you (see 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5) The presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is “pledge” or “earnest money” on your eternal life.
4. **YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.** (Romans 8:14-15) You have been adopted into God’s family and have as a result all the benefits of a family member. The relationship that you now have with God is one of Father and son or Father and daughter. The term “Abba” is a term of endearment that expresses family closeness.
5. **YOU ARE NOW AN HEIR OF GOD.** (Romans 8:16-17) An heir is one who is entitled to inherit the property or estate of another. God owns the universe and all that is in it.
6. **YOU HAVE THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU TALK TO GOD.** (Romans 8:26-27) How do you talk to One as great as the Creator of the universe? What do you say? How do you say it? Sometimes you are at loss for words. The Holy Spirit intercedes for Christians and helps us clearly communicate with God.
7. **YOU HAVE THE PROMISE OF PROVIDENCE.** (Romans 8:28) You are now one of those who “*love God*” and are “*called according to His purpose.*” Therefore, you have the promise that all things that come into your life will work together for your

eternal good and the good of God's purpose. Your life will have a good outcome as long as you continue to love God and stay in His purpose.

8. **YOU HAVE THE MIGHTY GOD ON YOUR SIDE. WHO CAN STAND AGAINST YOU?** (Romans 8:31-39) Read these verses and consider them. You are blessed, indeed, to have been saved.

Yes, life may get difficult for you at times as you live out your remaining years on this earth. God has not guaranteed us a smooth ride, just a safe landing when we remain in Him. At times life's circumstances may obscure what God really has for you. If that time comes, Romans 8 can be a real source of strength. Use it often.