

KNOW YOUR BENEFITS

God has made some absolutely terrific promises to us, and it is thru these promised 'benefits' that we become partakers of the life that He has ordained for us - Yet the average Christian has little knowledge of these promises or how they manifest in our life. This lesson is designed to help you learn about those promises and how to see them manifest in their fullness in your life.

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HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF

- Is Healing For Everyone or Just Some People?
- How Come God Doesn't Heal Me?
- Why Doesn't God answer My prayer?
- If My God Really "Supplies All My Need": How Come I'm Still Broke?
- Is the Prosperity Gospel True?
- How Come God Doesn't Deliver Me From My Affliction?

If any of these questions sound familiar then I encourage you to read the following article and consider carefully the scriptures that provide the answers to these questions, and many more.

KNOW YOUR BENEFITS:

One of the most dangerous things a Christian can do is to neglect learning, or forget what the Word of God tells us regarding what Christ *accomplished* FOR us on the cross. The Bible tells us clearly that is it because of what we do NOT know (*lack of knowledge*) that God's people (*Christians*) suffer and eventually are destroyed.

I know! Hard to believe right!? Yet God Himself has told us that it is thru our knowledge of His promises that we are granted *access* into the *abundant* life that Jesus came to give us: And failing to *learn* these promises and how they *operate* in our life is what causes so many to suffer needlessly with sickness, pain, debt, lack, affliction, addictions, oppression and more terrible things.

PROMISED BENEFITS:

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and DO NOT FORGET all his benefits:" [Psalm 103:2]

Notice that we are told NOT to forget ALL His benefits. That means that not only are we to *learn* what these benefits are - but we are also to remind ourselves of them so as NOT to *forget* them. Sadly, the average child of God has never even *learned* them - and when most are taught the benefits they quickly *forget* them when circumstances or situations arise that challenge the promises of God, clinging instead to traditional religious teachings and doctrines.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING:

Seeing as how it was the Lord Himself who admonished us to *learn* what benefits we have in being His people, as well as warning us NOT to forget these benefits, then it will serve us well to have more than just a *casual* understanding of these things. Instead, time and effort must be made on our part to *learn* about these benefits as well as *how* to access them.

The *first* step in learning about the benefits is to understand that in NEW Testament Scripture they are referred to as 'precious promises'.

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature...." [2Peter 1:2-4 KJV]

Consider how this same passage is translated into a more modern English: Grace and peace will come to you to you many times over as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus, our Master. Everything that you will ever need, want, require, or desire has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God: Namely Jesus Our Lord. We were also given absolutely terrific promises and these are our ticket to participating in the abundant, victorious, and overcoming life that God has ordained for us...." [PSRV]

It is important to notice that in both translations that it is our *knowledge* of the promises (benefits) that allows *grace* and *peace* to 'come to us' - AND, it is thru our <u>knowledge</u> of the *promises* that allows us to participate in the abundant, victorious and overcoming life that God has ordained for us.

SO WHAT ARE MY BENEFITS?

The answer lies in what the Word of God has stated as belonging to us the children of God and "heirs according to the promise" [Galatians 3:27-29]. These promised benefits can be found and throughout the Old and New Testaments.

One way to gain knowledge is to look at every promise of GOOD and BLESSING that God promised Abraham and His descendants. Why, because Galatians 3:27-29 tells us "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed (descendants), and heirs according to the promise."

You may be asking "what promise?" Answer: Every promise of blessing that the Lord made to Abraham and Israel (his descendants). There are too many to list here but some of the more significant promises can be found in Deuteronomy 7:13-15, Deuteronomy 28:1-14, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, and many more.

Also, we have a list of some of these benefits in the same passage that tells us not to forget them: Psalm 103:2-5:

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget even one of his benefits:

- Who forgives all your iniquities
- who heals all your diseases
- Who redeems your life from destruction
- who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies
- Who satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Know Your Benefits: God's Precious Promises to His Children continued...

Let us not forget the promises of deliverance [Col 1:12-14], of wisdom and guidance [James 1:5-6 & John 16:13] - of safety and protection [Psalm 91], of abundance [John 10:10], Provision: [Philippians 4:19], and many, many more.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BENEFITS:

Beloved, grace, mercy, peace, healing, health, safety, deliverance, provision, wisdom, guidance and much more are all ours as children of God. All we need do is to learn them, and have the confident assurance that the Lord WILL see to it that they manifest in our life as we place our complete trust in Him to FULFILL His promises just as He says he will.

- "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." [2Corinthians 1:20]
- "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)" [Hebrews 10:23]

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