

2 LIVING FROM AN ALTERNATE REALITY 6

3 THE BLESSING

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2 **GRACE be to you, and PEACE**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 **Blessed be the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who hath BLESSED us** with **ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS** in Heavenly Places **in Christ...**

5 IDENTITY BEFORE CALLING

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DISCERNING THE CALL OF GOD - APOSTLE

AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST

- Paul introduces himself by his calling in Christ.
 - This is New Creation Reality. Your past does not have the final world. Your calling in Christ does.
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BY THE WILL OF GOD

- Paul did not appoint himself to be an apostle as so many do today.
- He was appointed **by the will of God**.
- God has a purpose, plan and calling for each of our lives. You must **DISCOVER it** and **ALIGN with it**.

TO THE SAINTS...

- *God doesn't call them "**old sinners saved by grace**". He doesn't refer to them in the light of their past. He refers to them in light of who they are in Christ and calls them "**Saints**". This is how God sees you.*
 - *A Saint is one who has been "**Set Apart as HOLY unto God**". Something **separated** from ordinary use and **dedicated** to God. Holiness begins with separation unto God before it manifests as moral purity.*
 - *You may still be growing, renewing your mind, or struggling to overcome areas of the flesh. But your identity is not rooted in your struggle. Your identity is rooted in your belonging.*
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THE FAITHFUL IN CHRIST

- God calls you **FAITHFUL**. Faithfulness refers to those who believe, trust and are anchored in Christ.
- Being "**IN CHRIST**" speaks to your location. You have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Col. 1:13

Colossians 1:13 (KJV)

Who **has Delivered us FROM the power of darkness, and has Translated us INTO the kingdom of his dear Son:**

- If you are "IN CHRIST" then what belongs to Christ becomes accessible to you.

Example: Let's say you lived in Cuba, Venezuela, or some other Communist or Socialist country. Your experience with respect to food, access medical attention, etc. would be very different. But let's say that you were accepted into the United States. Everything would be different. Because you are now IN the United States, you would have ACCESS to things that were not available in Cuba.

7 THE IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR NEW CREATION LIFE

8 Ephesians 1:2 (KJV)

GRACE be to you, and **PEACE**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

10 WHAT IS GRACE?

Grace is God's inexhaustible reservoir of unearned favor and divine empowerment, fully supplied through the finished work of Christ, which enables the believer to "Be" who God called them to "Be" and "Do" what God called them to "Do".

11 Romans 5:1 (KJV)

Therefore being **JUSTIFIED by FAITH**, we have **PEACE with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

13 WHAT IS PEACE WITH GOD?

Peace is the Supernatural state of Inner wholeness, divine order, and stability that Flows from **RECONCILIATION with God, GUARDING the believer's HEART and MIND** while sustaining **ALIGNMENT** with Heaven's Reality.

14 THE IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR US

The **ideal environment** for the Believer to flourish is one where GRACE Supplies everything from Christ's finished work, and PEACE Governs the heart and mind in stability and rest. In this atmosphere, the believer is both fully resourced and properly aligned, allowing spiritual growth and maturity to manifest without resistance. Where GRACE Flows and PEACE Rules, the New Creation THRIVES.

15 THE BLESSING

16 Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **BLESSED us** with **ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS** in Heavenly Places **IN CHRIST**.

17 Genesis 1:28 (KJV)

28 And God BLESSED Them, and God SAID unto Them, Be Fruitful, and Multiply, and Replenish the Earth, and Subdue it: and have Dominion... over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

18 Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you."

2 I will make you into a great nation. I will BLESS you and make you famous, and you will be a BLESSING to others.

3 I will BLESS those who BLESS you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be BLESSED through you."

19 THE BLESSING

Adam & Eve > Abraham > Isaac > Jacob > Joseph > The Children of Israel > Jesus

Galatians 3:16 (NLT)

God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "**to his child**" –and that, of course, **means Christ.**

20 WHAT IS THE BLESSING?

The Blessing is the all-encompassing covenant reality IN CHRIST that Contains and ACTIVATES EVERY PROMISE of God for EVERY AREA of LIFE. It is the **DIVINE EMPOWERMENT and FAVOR of God** that positions you to walk in **Provision, Protection, Health, Wisdom, Peace, and Purpose.** Through Christ, **EVERY PROMISE is**

ALREADY SECURED, and **The Blessing** is the **SPIRITUAL FORCE** that makes those Promises available, accessible, and manifest in your life.

21 8 CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

PURPOSE - *Why I Exist (Eph. 2:10)*

IDENTITY - *Who I am in Christ / Adopted (Eph. 1:4-5)*

RELATIONSHIP - *My Access to God (Eph. 2:18; Heb. 4:16)*

PROVISION - *What God Has Supplied (Eph. 1:3)*

PROTECTION - *What God Defends (Eph. 6:11)*

AUTHORITY - *What I Can Do in Christ (Eph. 2:6;
Lk.10:19)*

TRANSFORMATION - *What God is Making Me
(Eph. 4:23; 2 Cor. 3:18)*

DESTINY - *Where I am Going (Eph. 1:11; Jn 14:2-3; 1Pet 1:4)*
