

## **THE ENTRANCE OF THY WORDS GIVETH LIGHT...**

Now, what takes place when someone trusts the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior? They believe God and possess eternal life (*see 1 John 5:10-12*). They are born of God (*1 John 5:1*). God declares they are a new creation in Christ Jesus (*2 Corinthians 5:17*). They are no longer dead in trespasses and sins but made alive by God (*Ephesians 2:1*). Their sins are forgiven (*Ephesians 1:7 and 1 John 2:12*). They have received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and have become children of God (*John 1:12 and Romans 8:16-17*). They have returned to the Lord Jesus, the shepherd of their soul who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, who was laid in a tomb, but God raised Him from the dead! fulfilling all that had been written in the Old Testament concerning Him (*1 Peter 2:24 and Acts 13:26-30*).

Further, we read there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (*Romans 8:1*). Their destiny is changed! their citizenship is heaven... (*Philippians 3:20*). We have been called unto the kingdom and glory of God (*1 Thessalonians 2:12*). The word of God tells us we have been justified by faith and are declared acquitted by God (*Acts 13:39 and Romans 3:24*). We have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ! (*Romans 5:1-2*). Notice further we are seen standing in grace and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ himself for His very own people! (*Titus 2:13-14 ; 1 Thessalonians 5:10 Colossians 1:27*).

The Lord Himself will return for every believer and we will be with the Lord forever! (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-17*). The Lord told the disciples this in John 14:1-3. Again, the Lord prayed that we would be where He is (*John 17:24*).

We also read that those who have been given to Him will behold His glory! We will see Him, face to face (*1 John 3:2*) and know the fullness of His grace !

*What will it be to dwell above? and with the Lord of glory reign? since the blest knowledge of His love so brightens all this dreary plain! No heart can think, no tongue can tell, what joy it will be with Christ to dwell! J.S.*

Not only this, we read that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing and sealed with the Spirit of God. We have been raised up and seated in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus (*Ephesians 1:3; Ephesians 1:13-14*). We are made near to God by the blood of Christ, we are no longer far off! (*Ephesians 2:13*). We also read that God the Father has made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has delivered us from the authority of darkness and has translated us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son! In Him we have redemption through His blood (*Colossians 1: 12-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19*). Further, we are declared righteous and acceptable to God (*2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:19*). We have been reconciled to God, enmity is exchanged for friendship and the wrath of God no longer remains upon us (*Colossians 1: 20-21 and John 3:36*). The Lord told the disciples to rejoice that their names are written in Heaven! (*Luke 10:20 and compare Philippians 4:3*). Again, we read of those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life; who are seen in the Holy city New Jerusalem (*Revelation 21:27*).

### **SALVATION: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**

**A salvation past:** when one trusts the Lord Jesus Christ and is saved from the penalty of sin (*John 3:18 and John 5:24*).

**A present salvation:** we are being saved from the power of sin in our life, (*Romans 6:12-14; Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 4:22-24*).

**A future salvation:** when we will be delivered from the presence of sin (*Jude verses 24 and 25; Galatians 1:3-4; Colossians 3:4; 2 Peter 3:13*).

We have been saved from the penalty of sin, we have victory over sin and in the future we will be delivered from the very presence of sin! This great and eternal salvation is something we rejoice about in time! Further, throughout the ages to come, it will continue as our Great God shows us the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus (*Ephesians 2:7*).

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