

God Has Blessed Us with All Spiritual Blessings
(Ephesians 1:3)

Introduction:

1. This verse states that "God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings."
2. These spiritual blessings are *"in Christ"* [we learn from Galatians 3:26-27 how to get into Christ to gain access to these blessings].
3. In our lesson we are pointing out 5 of the spiritual blessings that God provides for His children.

Discussion:

- I. FIRST, GOD PROVIDES INSTRUCTION
 - A. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, God's Word provides the teaching, the reproof, the correction, and the instruction in righteousness that we need.
 - B. The proper way to approach the Scriptures is revealed in Psalm 119:18.
 - C. As we receive the instruction that God provides in His Word we are to put it into practice (James 1:22).
 - D. By putting God's Word into practice we will be the kind of people that He wants us to be (James 1:25).
- II. SECOND, GOD PROVIDES DIRECTION
 - A. In Psalm 23:3b David said: *"He [the Lord] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."*
 - B. Solomon presented the right way to receive God's direction in Proverbs 3:5-6.
 - C. This is important because *"the paths of righteousness"* sometimes include obstacles.
- III. THIRD, GOD PROVIDES ASSISTANCE WHEN WE FACE OBSTACLES
 - A. God wants His children to pray when difficulties arise (1 Peter 5:7).
 - B. As we pray we are to ask for wisdom (James 1:5-6).
 - C. In addition to giving wisdom, God will provide:
 1. mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16)
 2. a way to bear up under the trials we face (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- IV. FOURTH, GOD PROVIDES COMFORT IN TIMES OF SORROW
 - A. David touched on this blessing in Psalm 23:4b -- *"thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."*
 - B. Paul also touched on this blessing in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.
- V. FIFTH, GOD PROVIDES ASSURANCE THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD
 - A. This assurance is stated in Romans 8:28.
 - B. This spiritual blessing is only available to "those who love God" and "those who are the called."

Conclusion:

1. This is not a complete list of the spiritual blessings that God provides for His children, but we have examined 5 that are very special.
2. In addition to Galatians 3:26-27 the Bible explains in Romans 6:3-4 how we get into Christ so we can gain access to all of God's spiritual blessings.