



BLESSINGS FOR BELIEVERS

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

BELIEVERS RETAIN TEMPORAL BLESSINGS

- "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33
 - The Lord knows our needs.
 - Those who place the kingdom of God first in are promised all necessary temporal blessings.
- Temporal blessings are *minor*. The kingdom of God is the **major** for all Christians.
- When we seek the kingdom of God first, we are *assured* of all else.



BELIEVERS REJOICE IN DIVINE FELLOWSHIP



- **John, the apostle, wrote, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." - 1 John 1:3**
 - Fellowship with family and followers of Christ is sweet beyond expression.
 - Believers have the supreme joy of fellowship with the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Surely no joy could be greater, no fellowship could be sweeter.
- **This blessing of the believer is sublime.**



BELIEVERS REACH DIVINE SERVICE

- **"We are laborers together with God ..."** 1 Corinthians 3:9
 - Whom the Lord saves and justifies, he also calls for some definite service.
 - The sincere soul can find this God-given service and qualify for it.
 - He then has the real joy of working with the Lord who has all wisdom and power to assure success.
- Believers may work with God in salvation of sinners, in support of the suffering, in comfort of the sorrowing, in strengthening the weak, and in proclaiming his message.



BELIEVERS REST IN DIVINE PROTECTION



- **“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”**
John 10:28
 - In these days of diseases, distresses, difficulties, dangers, and tragic deaths, it is good to be assured of divine care.
 - It is true that the ravages of earth may destroy the body, but none of these can harm the soul that is resting in the eternal love of God.
- And the same God who cares for life has all power to comfort life.

BELIEVERS RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE

- **"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" - John 3:36.**
 - This is the greatest gift that can be received.
 - It is greater than any blessing that can be given by friend, or mother, or father, or angels and is the very greatest that God has to offer.
- It can be received only by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Believers are most happy in this gracious gift.



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