



The Blessing is in You!

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Genesis 1:26-28 (Contemporary English Version)

²⁶God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures." ²⁷So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. ²⁸God gave them his blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.

Ephesians 1:3-8 (New Living Translation)

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Mark 10:27-30 (New Living Translation)

²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God." ²⁸ Then Peter began to speak up. "We've given up everything to follow you," he said. ²⁹ "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, ³⁰ will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.

What is the blessing?

- **The blessing is the revelation of the possible or actual access to the Holy Spirit, which is God's spirit.**



How do you get the blessing?

Matthew 7:7-11 (New Living Translation)

⁷ “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

1 John 4:4 (Contemporary English Version)

⁴Children, you belong to God, and you have defeated these enemies. God's Spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (Amplified Bible)

⁴Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

You have a choice!

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 (New Living Translation)

²⁶ “Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! ²⁷ You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. ²⁸ But you will be cursed if you reject the commands of the LORD your God and turn away from him and worship gods you have not known before.

Your blessing can not be bigger than your faith; the greater your faith, the greater your blessing.

John 20:29 (Amplified Bible)

²⁹Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, Thomas, do you now believe (trust, have faith)? Blessed and happy and to be envied are those who have never seen Me and yet have believed and adhered to and trusted and relied on Me.

John 20:29 (New Living Translation)

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”