



### **GOT BENEFITS?**

In our present job market, one of the most asked questions when considering a new job is about benefits. Which benefits do you think are most commonly sought after?

### **LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD**

Last week we learned that God “has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” These blessings are for all who are “in Christ:” “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.” God not only blessed us, but He seals up our inheritance with Jesus by sending the Holy Spirit to indwell us. Praise God!

This week, we are going to look deeply into some of those blessings and how these truths should lead us to live with faith, joy, and hope and thanksgiving to God.

Read through Ephesians 1:7-14 and consider these questions to help us learn from God’s Word.  
What blessing do you observe in verses 7-8 and what makes this possible?

What next blessing do you observe in verses 9-10 and what makes this possible?

What blessing do you observe in verses 11-12?

What blessing do you observe in verses 13-14?

**DISCUSS TOGETHER**

The end result of God's grace and blessings is to be "the praise of His glory" (v. 14). What praise can we lift up to God right now for His many blessings found in verses 3-14?

How should this review of God's blessings change how we think, feel, and live? How might the people in our worlds see this in our lives?

Whom in your world do you pray to know these blessings? How is God using you to help them become a disciple?

**APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

This passage should stir us to the praise of God's glory and the wonder of God Himself. Reread this passage this week and thank God for each of these amazing blessings.

**PLEASE PRAY . . .**

- For the grandparents you know as they point their grandkids to Jesus
- For the people in your worlds who don't yet know God's blessings
- For our many friends who need God's touch of healing and help