



A NEW HOPE

#7 Bless and Be Blessed

1 Peter 3:8-22

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1. It is God's _____ to bless.

"Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love." Psalms 103:2-4, NIV

- A. The perceived beauty of curing evil comes distinctly from _____ culture, which rose out of _____ theology.
- B. God made you because he wanted to _____ !
- C. Step one of being a blessing in this world is to be _____, to _____ and _____ from God.

2. It is God's call to _____.

- A. God sends his blessings into the world through _____.

"For God said to Abraham, 'Through your descendants all the families on earth will be blessed.'" Acts 3:25, NLT

- B. To bless others requires _____.
- C. To bless others often requires _____.
- D. To bless others requires _____.

- E. A lot of people think they are blessing their loved ones by _____ standards or right/wrong, good/bad.

3. It's also God's call to _____.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:7-10, NIV:1984

- A. What do we do that is actually good? Only that which arises out of true _____, conforms to God's _____, and is done for his _____." HC #91.
- B. Right now counts _____. We are not here _____ till we get to run off to heaven. Every good act done for God is a brick in _____.

Conclusion

"For God said to Abraham, 'Through your descendants all the families on earth will be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, Jesus, he sent him first to you people of Israel, to bless you by turning each of you back from your sinful ways." Acts 3:25-26, NLT