

## *The Way to Be Blessed Part 4*

More Scriptures will teach us the way to be blessed. ***“1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.” (Psalm 32:1-2 KJV)***

Christ came to the world to save sinners and bring them back to God. All mankind were lost but God made a way when He sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for all mankind's sins. By the work of Jesus Christ on the cross we have the access to reach God. Apostle Paul wrote, ***“15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. 17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Timothy 1:15-17 KJV)*** \* Jesus took our sins and nailed them on the cross; we are justified by the work of Jesus on the cross. As we repent and receive Christ as Saviour and Lord over our lives our sins are covered and we will not be reminded of our sinful past, we are saved and we have eternal life. \* That is how the way God pours out His blessings on our lives in giving us eternal life. And those blessings will continue to be in our lives as long as we are in repentance and there is no deceit, malice, nor guile nor bitterness in our hearts and spirits. The Salvation of Jesus and the eternal life in Him is free and that is the grace of God but you need to be in repentance by turning away from your sins. When there is sin in your life and when there is deceit and bitterness in your spirit then you are not blessed because in such situation your sins are not covered and you are not Justified before God and you are not saved unless you repent.

***“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.” (Psalm 33:12)*** The followers of God who has faith on Him through Christ, and we among them, is the nation of God and are blessed. Those who came out from the world and drawn near to God form what is called the church, the blessed nation of God. God promised us the Kingdom of God and He put us in His church on earth until we are with Him in Heaven. ***So the church on earth is the Kingdom of God, therefore to be part of the church and to do your part to live and be good testimony; to attend regularly and to contribute physically, financially, spiritually and in every way and service possible is the way that you can receive God's blessings and be blessed.***

***“1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.” (Psalm 40:1-4 KJV)*** This is a Psalm for King David who had tasted the goodness of the Lord and how finally the Lord delivered him from all his troubles and problems. David trusted in the Lord that He will help him and solve his problems, and truly the Lord lifted David out from the mire and set his feet on a rock and gave him firm place to stand. He was blessed because he trusted in the Lord and did not turn to find help from men and false gods. \* ***The same for you, even in the difficult situation that you are right now passing in your life trust***

***Him fully and He will deliver you, for no god or man can help you except Jesus. \* Don't try to seek help from men and try to use wrong ways that false gods approve. Such things might give you temporal relief but it will not give you radical solution; instead you will find yourself solving one problem but falling into another. But if you fully trusting in the Lord He will not abandoned you and you will be completely delivered from all your troubles and you will stand on a firm ground and be stable in your life. Truly those among us who will trust the Lord for their lives and lean on Him they will be truly blessed.***

***“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.” (Psalm 41:1 KJV)*** As we receive the love of God who was so merciful to us to forgive us our sins and our trespasses and have eternal life, our hearts will be transformed and we shall carry the same love and mindful attitude toward the weak who are around us. We ought to be considerate and understanding for each and everyone struggle or hardship. Such kind of attitude will lead us and enable us to provide and give services to the community who are around us. God call us to be a blessing to others. We will be moving to share what God gave to us with those who are in need, ***“He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9 KJV)*** There are those who are willing to be helped, because there are people even they are in need but they are not willing to be helped. The following we can share with those who are willing to be helped:

- 1. We can pray for the people and intercede for their behalf and ask the Lord to reveal Himself to them and satisfied their needs.*
- 2. We can share with them the message of Salvation, that Jesus had died for their sins to give them eternal life.*
- 3. We can advice them and instruct them from the Word of God so their problems would be solved and will have the right direction in their lives.*
- 4. We can share with them material aids like sharing with them our food, give them dress to cover them, a place for lodging, transport to carry them, medical aid, medicine, etc.*

***“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matthew 5:7 KJV)*** We will be rewarded by the Lord for every mindful act that we give to the people whom the Lord had placed around us. Jesus said the following: ***“41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41 KJV)*** We will be rewarded for every kindful act that we will do for the Lord. The Word of God also admonish us the following: ***“9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10 KJV)*** We will be repaid by the Lord for all the good work that we are doing especially for his people, ***“23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:23-24 KJV)***

***But we must understand one thing that our good work is not a mean for us for salvation but is the fruit of our rebirth by the Spirit after our repentance and our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord as the Scripture states, “8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)*** We are saved by the grace of

God through faith in Jesus; salvation is the gift of God and not by the work of man, but after we are saved God had prepared for us good works to do and we will be blessed if we obey Him and do these works. Pray this prayer: Lord show me the good works that you prepare for me to do and I will do them, in Jesus name, Amen.

***“105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105 KJV)*** God will always leading us into the way that He wants us to move and go on in life. His Word is a light for us to show us the way of the Lord and how to apply it in life. God’s blessings will fall and reach those who obey God and walk in His ways.

***“Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.” (Psalm 65:4 KJV)*** God calls every one; each and every one God would call because in God there is no favoritism whether poor or rich, black or white, but the Lord will chose those who respond to Him and He will bless them and cause them to live with Him; in fact He will live with them and make them part of His house, His church, and let all His goodness to pass on them. The Lord said the following: ***“For many are called, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:14 KJV)*** Many they will say, ‘God did not invite me or God did not call me,’ or they will say, ‘May be God did not choose me!’ As if God is favoring one over another. It is never like that, God call and invite but if you or the people will not respond then God will go and send us to others. Let us read this parable from the Gospel of Matthew about the wedding banquet. ***“1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.” (Matthew 22:1-10 KJV)*** Here we found that God had called many people of all kinds and invited them to the banquet, but when they did not show any attention to the invitation, and showed interest to their own life’s projects more than God, and went after their farm, business, etc, and mistreated the servants of God and killed them, then God sent His armies and destroyed those murderers, and sent His servants to the streets and gathered all kinds of people they could find, the bad as well as the good. Because the first people who were invited they did not respond then God invited another group of people to show that He is a God who love everyone but some of those who were invited are good and others are bad. Jesus came to call sinners to repent and have eternal life in His name. Even it is mentioned that God’s servants called bad people, the intention here is that bad people would be changed to good people who love God and delight in His Word and ways.

Let us continue this parable as we read the following: ***“11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto***

***him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:11-14 KJV)*** Now here we found that when the Lord was inspecting the guests He found one of them was not wearing the wedding clothes. What is meant here is that when God call us or invite us He knows we are sinners and live in sin, but we should not continue to be in that status; we have to be transformed by the renewing of our minds and not to be conforming or be similar to the people around us who does not follow God. We are called to be sanctified, cleansed and be separate from sin unto God then the Lord would receive us graciously and use us for His glory. ***“20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:20-21 KJV)*** If we clean ourselves from sins and all the worldly things, then we will be blessed and we will be promoted from being invited to be chosen people of God. To be chosen vessels of God and to be chosen instruments in God’s hand is to do the good work that he prepared for us to do. ***“10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)***

So now clear of how God choose people and bring near to live in His courts; first God invite people, second God would see how people respond appropriately and cooperate with His call to them. Those who respond to God’s call, cleansed themselves, and be part of His church the Lord will bless them bountifully and fill them with good things and will watch over their lives. ***“4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.” (Psalm 84:4 KJV)*** Those who serve God the Lord will bless them more and that will make them the more to praise the Lord and magnify His name.

***“5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.” (Psalm 84:5 KJV)*** The people of God before Christ they go for pilgrimage for certain feasts to Jerusalem in obedience to God’s command. Those who were willing to obey God, the Lord would give them the strength to do that and they will be blessed as they were obeying. We apply that here in our lives with Christ in this way: ***The more we have the desire to draw near to God the more God will give us the required strength to do that and the more we will be blessed. “12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.” (Psalm 84:12 KJV)*** Why people are unwilling to trust God and invest their resources in His service? Because they think they will be losing and if they would invest in God their resources then they will not be able to manage life. Therefore you found them trusting themselves, the work of their hands, and trusting people and figures around them. ***But the more you will trust yourself and men and fix your eyes on human figure the more you are in need. But the more that you trust God and rely on Him and invest your life unto His service the more you are blessed by the Lord.***

***My Dear and Beloved:*** David said ***“4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.” (Psalm 27:4 KJV)*** David wanted to dwell in the house of God to be near to God because he knew what are the value and the privileges of being in the house of God, His church today. He also said ***“10 For a day in thy courts is***

***better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Psalm 84:10 KJV)*** Make your priority right and obey the Lord and walk in His ways, and serve Him in His church. Come out from worldliness and appreciate what the Lord is doing in your life. As he invited you to serve Him be grateful and thankful to Him. Start to serve Him, and let it be the following Word of Paul reflect your attitude, ***“12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;” (1 Timothy 1:12 KJV)*** You will be blessed as you agree, obey and put yourself in the hand of God in prayer.

***My Prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that teaches me clearly your ways.

*Invite Jesus in your heart to be the Lord over your life. Repent from the sin of worldliness, trusting people rather than God, non willingness to serve God and giving your life, time, money and resources to Him. Lord Jesus I repent, please cleanse me from the following sins*  
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*Lord I commit myself to fully trusting you and to comply with your Word and will, Lord I commit myself and my life and my full resources to serve you and walk in your ways. Lord I will cherish your invitation and your calling unto me to serve you. I will put that always in my first priority; this is my commitment and my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*

*Lord I pray for my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives to the principles that we learned from this message, Lord protect them and guide them. Lord use them to serve you and do the good works that you prepared for them to do.*

*Lord bless us as a church, lead us to continue to serve you. Lord bless and increase all our ministries, and prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead us and enable us to evangelize; send us Lord to reach new people instead of those who rejected your invitation, and help us to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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