

## STUDY EIGHT – THINGS THAT BELONG TO US!

### Introduction

The Father in His great grace has given to the Church enough to make it rich and strong.

Eph. 1:3 *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ.”* What does He mean by this? In His redemptive work, all that God did in Christ from the time He was made Sin until He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High, belongs to the Church, the Body of Christ. We have been blessed.

Jesus did nothing for Himself and the Father needed nothing. John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”* Jesus was the Father’s gift to a lost world. He has never taken back the gift. The world owns Jesus, whether or not it acknowledges the ownership.

All that Jesus did in His Substitutionary Sacrifice is the private property of the individual for whom Jesus did it. The sinner does not need to beg God to save him.

The work has already been accomplished. All that he needs to do is to accept it and thank God for it. Then it becomes his. *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Salvation is a gift. Faith comes by acting on the Word of God. We act on the Word. We take Jesus Christ as our Saviour, confess Him as our Lord, and we receive Eternal Life that very moment. *“For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus.”*

The work was accomplished when Christ arose from the dead, and that work belongs to us now. All we need to do is to accept it. The believer does not need to ask the Father to heal him when he is sick, because *“Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.”* (Isaiah 53:4.) God laid our diseases on Jesus.

Isaiah 53:10 states that it pleased Jehovah to make Him sick with our sicknesses so that by His stripes we are healed. If we are healed, then we do not need to pray for our healing.

All we need to do is to rebuke the enemy in Jesus’ Name, order him to leave our bodies, and thank the Father for perfect healing. It is all so simple. We do not need to pray for the Lord to give us strength, because He is now the strength of our lives. Psalm 27:1 *“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”* This belongs to us now. He has become our light and our salvation. That is, He has become our knowledge and our redemption. He has become our deliverance.

We cannot believe Philippians 4:19 *“And my God shall supply every need of yours”* without being possessors of the things we need. Paul recognized that believers were possessors. We don’t have to try to believe that we are redeemed because we are redeemed. Eph. 1:7.

We don’t have to try to believe that we are in Christ because we are in Him. 2 Cor. 5:17.

We don’t have to try to believe that we are the sons of God because we have been re-created. We are in His family. I John 3:2. We don’t have to try to believe that He will remit our sins, and pray to that end, because our sins are remitted and we stand acquitted, justified in His presence. Our old sin nature has been put away, and we have received the nature of God. Col. 1:13-14. We don’t have to try to believe that

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God will give us the Holy Spirit. All we need to do is invite Him to come in. *“How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.”* Luke 11:13. He is talking to a new babe in Christ who has never received the Spirit. He is speaking to one who has received Eternal Life. Now he definitely asks the Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, to come into his body and make His home there. The Name of Jesus belongs to us.

God is our own Father. Jesus is our own Lord, Advocate, and Master. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher. Healing is absolutely ours. Strength is ours. Light and wisdom are ours. Eternal Life belongs to us. He is our supply. He is our sufficiency. He is love in us.

All this is ours when we first believe and is not dependent on our individual faith now as a believer. We possess it. We own it. It belongs to every child. All is in Redemption.

Just thank the Father, praise Him whenever a need confronts you that is covered by Redemption, and it is yours. Some may say, *“What then can we pray for?”*

We can pray for a great needy world, Christians who live in darkness beneath their privileges, deliverance for men and women from bondage from which they do not know they have been freed, specifics that requires decisions etc.

### ***Enjoying Our Rights in Christ***

Redemption was God planned; its results satisfy the heart of God and meet every need of man. Christianity links us with God. If we are in union with God, we are successful. The mightiest forces of the universe are at our disposal. The ability of God is our heritage.

Acts. 1:8 *“Ye shall receive ability when the Holy Spirit is come upon you.”* (The King James version of this scripture reads “power” instead of “ability”.) God’s ability is at our disposal.

What a thrilling fact it is. 1 John 4:4 *“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”* We are of God.

Our roots sink down into God. God’s ability is our inheritance. Just as the roots draw the moisture out of the soil, so our roots in God draw the strength and vitality and ability of God. He is not only with us, but He becomes a part of us. He is in us. His nature is ours.

It would help us to say over and over again during the day *“God is in me. God’s ability is mine. God’s strength is mine. God’s health is mine. His success is mine. I am a winner. I am a conqueror. I am a success because the Greater One, with His great ability is in me.”*

It is not our giving up, but it is our taking on. It is our enjoying this Life with Him. It is our living with Him, fellowshiping, labouring with the Man of the Ages. We have the use of His Name, the Name that conquers, the Name that is above every name.

The Name of Jesus can be used in the business world, in the scientific world. It can be used in every department of human endeavour. *“In my Name.”* It is actually as though the Master Himself were here. *“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”* (John 14:14.)

When we use that Name, we bring Jesus Christ into actual contact with our problems.

The source of all power is linked up with our lives and the problems that confront us.