

24. WHAT DOES GOD GIVE US WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOUR?

1. We become **sons of God**. "But as many received Him to them He gave power to become the sons of God." John 1:12. This means....
2. We get **born again**. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3. "Ye must be born again." John 3:7. We were born many years ago physically into our parent's family. When we receive Christ as our Saviour, we are adopted or born into God's family as His sons, with full rights to all the privileges of being in God's family (Romans 8:15).
3. We are **saved** from the penalty of sin, which is hell, and the Lake of Fire. We are saved from the power of sin as we yield obediently to Christ's Word. We are saved from the presence of sin when we get to heaven. "For whosoever..." Romans 10:13
4. We get **eternal life**, living with God forever. "He that has the Son, has life." I John 5:12.
5. We are **reconciled** to God by the death of Christ. Romans 5:10. God has removed the barrier of sin, producing peace between God and us.
6. "We are **justified** by faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour." Romans 5:1. This means that we are declared righteous, pardoned and all our sins are removed. We are entitled to all of God's promised blessings. It is just as if we had never sinned.
7. We are 100% **acceptable** to God because of Jesus Christ. We do not need to perform perfectly in order to win God's acceptance. "He has made us acceptable in the beloved (Christ)." Eph. 1:6.
8. "We are **forgiven** all trespasses." Colossians 2:13. Forgiveness is the legal act of God where He removes all the charges held against a sinner because Christ has made proper payment for his sins.
9. We are **redeemed**. This means that we are bought by Christ out of the slave market of sin, set free from sin's bondage, we now belong to Christ, and we are Christ's servants to do God's will. We are not to live a life of selfish ease, but to be useful to God's purposes. "...ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19,20.
10. We are **indwelt** and **led** by the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit now lives in us permanently. We must not disobey His leading." If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Romans 8:9. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14.
11. We will receive a new, young **resurrected body** that will never die. Romans 8:11. "His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth." Job 33:25. "This mortal must put on immortality." I Corinthians 15:53.
12. We are **new creatures** with a **new Divine nature**. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature....all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.
13. God gives us many **exceeding great** and **precious promises** in the Bible for us to claim to guide and help us in life. By these we become partakers of the Divine nature. II Peter 1:4.
14. God has given us **all things** that pertain to **life** and **godliness**, through the **knowledge** of him that has called us to glory (in heaven) and virtue (now). II Peter 1:3.
15. Being justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." John 14:27. "Peace of God." Philippians 4:7.
16. We are **servants** of God. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ." Romans 1:1. "...being made free from sin, and become servants to God." Romans 6:22.
17. We are **ambassadors** for Christ. II Corinthians 5:20. We are God's representatives on earth with God's message of salvation to mankind.
18. We are given many Christian **brothers** and **sisters** to **help** and **care** for us. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." John 13:43
19. We have a **home** and **mansion** in **heaven**. II Corinthians 5:1,8. "In my Father's house are many mansions....I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2.
20. We are now **friends** of God. "I have called you friends". John 15:15. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14.
21. We can lay up for ourselves **treasures** in **heaven** which we cannot lose. Matthew 7:20.