

Beatitudes
What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SINS ARE FORGIVEN

Text: Psalm 32:1-2

Introduction:

1. “Where the word *blessed* is hung out as a sign, we may be sure that we shall find a godly man within.” - *Sir Richard Baker*
2. Biblically, the word “blessed” refers to those whose sufficiency comes from God and not from the circumstances of life.
3. The “blessed” are those who inherit the promise made to Abraham by conforming to God’s Will and being added to the body of Christ.
4. This psalm gets to the heart of true blessedness – a right relationship with God.

I. The Blessedness of Conversion (vs. 1)

- A. When one is converted to Christ and obeys His Gospel, all his past sins are forgiven.
- B. Transgression – *willful deviation from and rebellion against God’s Will*.
 1. It is similar to the idea of “trespass” – going beyond God’s boundaries.
 2. See 2 John 9-11 and 1 John 3:4
- C. Sin – *missing the mark, deviating from God’s Will*.
 1. This may happen out of carelessness, ignorance, or rebellion.
 2. This may occur by commission or omission. (Cf. James 4:17)
- D. Forgiven – *borne or carried away (by a vicarious sacrifice)*.
 1. God will carry away our sins when we are washed by the blood of Christ (1 Peter 2:24; 1:18-23; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16).
 2. God carries our sins away forever (Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:18-19).
- E. Covered – *concealed, hidden, overwhelmed*.
 1. When God covers our sins, by the blood of His Son, they are forgiven and forgotten (Psalm 85:2; Isaiah 44:22).
 2. However, man must not try to cover his own sins...
- F. Oh, the blessedness of having one’s sins forgiven and forgotten!

II. The Blessedness of Communion (vs. 2)

- A. One who obeys the Gospel of Christ enters into continual communion (fellowship) with God.
- B. In this relationship, God no longer imputes sin to the Christian.
- C. Iniquity – *twisted, perverted – perversion of life, doctrine, or intent*.
 1. This is an attitude or action (or teaching) that is twisted from God’s revealed Truth (cf. Galatians 1:6-9).
 2. The word also carries the idea of the punishment for such perversion (cf. Revelation 22:18-19).
- D. Impute – *compute, calculate, count, charge, lay to one’s account*.
 1. God does not charge sin to the account of His faithful child (Romans 4:1-8, 16-25).

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2. This is the idea of reconciliation through the blood of Christ by the preaching of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 John 1:5-7).
 - E. Oh, the blessedness of communion with the Almighty God!
- III. The Blessedness of Confession (vs. 3-7)
- A. The key to conversion and communion is confession.
 - B. Guile – *deceit, treachery, laxness*.
 - C. The soul that is without guile does not try to hide his sins from God (Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:8, 10).
 - D. Instead, he acknowledges and confesses his sins to God, which allows him to be forgiven and not have his sins charged to his account (1 John 1:9).
 - E. Also, he does not put off admitting his sins, for he knows a time is coming when confession will be too little too late.
 - F. Thus, his trust, hope, and joy are in God.
 - G. Oh, the blessedness of confession to a merciful and gracious God!

Conclusion:

1. Have you been converted?
2. Are you continuing in communion?
3. Are there sins in your life that need confessing?
4. The only way to be truly blessed is to obey God's Will.
5. Do not wait until it is too late.