

Beatitudes
What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO DIES IN THE LORD

Text: Revelation 14:13

Introduction:

1. The biblically blessed are those who depend upon God.
2. They inherit the promise made to Abraham by submission to God.
3. Throughout the New Testament, beatitudes describe the heart of one who is a faithful member of the Lord's kingdom – his church.
4. These blessed attitudes will enable one to make it to the eternal kingdom of God in Heaven.

I. Beatitudes in the Book of Revelation

- A. The book of Revelation is written in the style of apocalyptic literature, employing signs and symbolism (Revelation 1:1, 20).
- B. Numbers are also used symbolically, with “seven” being the number of perfection or completion (cf. 1:4, 12, 16; 3:1; 4:5; 5:1, 6; 8:2; 10:3; 15:1).
- C. Unsurprisingly, there are seven beatitudes recorded in the book of Revelation.
 1. 1:3 – *See Lesson 11*
 2. 14:13
 3. 16:15 – *See Lesson 37*
 4. 19:9 – *See Lesson 37*
 5. 20:6 – *See Lesson 38*
 6. 22:7 – *See Lesson 39*
 7. 22:14 – *See Lesson 39*
- D. These beatitudes, at the end of the Bible, emphasize what is required to be “faithful unto death” (Revelation 2:10).

II. Blessed in the Lord

- A. The blessed man is “in the Lord.”
- B. Of course, Jesus is the Lord (vs. 12; Luke 2:11; 24:3; Acts 2:36).
- C. To be in the Lord is to be in Christ – a Christian, a faithful disciple of Jesus.
- D. To be in the Lord – to become a Christian – one must obey the Gospel of Christ.
 1. This demands hearing and believing (John 20:30-31; Acts 8:37).
 2. It also requires obedience – repentance and confession of faith (Luke 13:3; 24:27; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9-10).
 3. The culminating step of this process is baptism into Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27; cf. Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 12:13).
- E. To live in the Lord is to practice faithful obedience to the Word of God (Romans 6:16-18; Titus 2:11-14).
- F. Faithfulness to the Lord is a lifelong commitment and custom.

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- III. Blessed in Death
 - A. Death is an appointment that all must keep (Hebrews 9:27; Genesis 3:19).
 - B. Yet, God has revealed that there is life beyond the grave (Job 14:14; 19:26; Psalm 23:6; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:1; John 11:25; 14:3).
 - C. Thus, there is great hope and confidence for the Christian in the face of death (cf. Philippians 1:20-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8).
 - D. It is by living in faithfulness that one is able to “die in the Lord” (Colossians 1:5, 23; 2 Peter 1:10-12).
 - E. The Christian can “lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:12; Philippians 3:12-14).
 - F. The blessedness is two-fold:
 - 1. Rest (Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 1:20-24)
 - 2. Recognition
 - a. Works remembered in eternity (Hebrews 6:10; Luke 18:22)
 - b. Works remembered on earth (Acts 9:39; Hebrews 11:4)
 - G. To die in the Lord, one must live in the Lord.