

Benefits beyond Imagination

*I am a member of the body of Christ,
A member of the family of God.
By birth and adoption, I am God's child,
I am set free from the power of sin by the precious blood of Christ.
I am forgiven, redeemed, and reconciled to God,
Regenerated by God's Spirit of life.
He cuddled me up and justified me by His beloved Son, you see,
I'm accepted by God and a citizen of heaven
I am a royal priest, chosen in Him before the world began.
I am seated in Christ Jesus in the heavenly realms.
He has given me eternal life to the full.
He made me a saint, and into Christ He baptized me.
From all condemnation, I am totally free,
Inseparable from the Love of Christ, that's me!
I am sanctified and am the Temple of God,
Sealed with His Spirit and a new Creation in Christ.
Christ's purchased possession am I,
A Child of light, and in Him complete.
I am an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.
An eternal inheritance in heaven God has given me,
And best of all, I am a gift from God to Christ for eternity.
All this for me God has done, but I am not the only one,
So are you if you have been saved and reconciled by His Son.*

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The Believer's Benefit Package in Salvation

Think about each of these benefits God gives to you. God provided them to make you secure in your faith; He bestows on every believer each one of these benefits at the moment of salvation. We earn none of these, but all are given freely to every one of His children. He does not give some believers more benefits than others. Spiritual gifts vary, but these benefits do not. God shows no partiality in the love he imparts to each of us. God bestowed on each believer every one of these benefits, thus bringing us into a secure position in His family. Think seriously about these and what each one means to you in your relationship with God.

1. Every Believer is a member of the body of Christ 1 Corinthians 12:13. If you trusted Christ as your Savior, then you belong to God. "I belong to God."
2. Every Believer is a member of the family of God. John 1:12. We are not just a citizen of heaven but a member of God's family with all the benefits.
3. Every Believer is a son or daughter of God. Romans 8:16; Galatians 3:26. "I am a child of God."
4. Every Believer is adopted. Galatians 4:4-6. This action gives us a place of position in the family business of heaven. God gives us actual authority in his rule over creation.
5. Every Believer is cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:7. It's not your works or efforts that make you acceptable, but the blood of Christ. God equally accepts every believer because of Christ. "I'm accepted by God."
6. Every Believer is fully forgiven. Colossians 1:14, 2:13, 1 John 2:12. God forgives you so fully that not even He can find a reason to bring a just accusation against you. "I am totally forgiven."
7. Every Believer has been redeemed from the slave market of sin and set free through the precious blood of Jesus. 1 Peter 1:18-19. God freed you from the stranglehold of sin so you can be free to live a holy life, pleasing to God.
8. Every Believer is reconciled with God. 2 Corinthians 5:19-20. All the differences that separate you are made right. Reconciliation brings you into fellowship with God.
9. Every Believer has been regenerated. Life and the divine nature are imparted to each one. Titus 3:5. (c.f. John 3:3) It is imparting a new life, God's life in us. We were dead in the flesh but now made alive. "I have new life."
10. Every Believer has been made near or brought close to God by the blood of Jesus. Ephesians 2:13. There are times you may feel far from God, but the truth is that he has snuggled up to you because of reconciliation. "God likes me."
11. Every Believer has been accepted in the beloved. Ephesians 1:6. Never are you accepted because of your good works. God accepts you in Christ Jesus because of His finished work on the cross. "God has my back."
12. Every Believer is a citizen of heaven. Philippians 3:20. That is a present-tense reality, not just a future hope. "Heaven is my home."
13. Every Believer has been justified or declared fully righteous. Romans 5:9. To be declared righteous is God's pronouncement of your standing before Him. It is not an earned position by your works. "I stand complete before God."
14. Every Believer is a royal priest. 1 Peter 2:9. That means that God calls you to offer praise, petition, and prayers for yourself and others. "I will be serious in worship and service."
15. Every Believer has been Chosen in Him before the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1:4. You and salvation were not an afterthought for God. "I'm in His thoughts."
16. Every Believer is already seated in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 1:3. God already sees you as part of His heavenly realm.
17. Every Believer possesses everlasting life. John 3:36; John 6:47; 1 John 5:11-13. Eternal life doesn't begin at your death when you enter heaven but is yours now. It is a quality of life God wants you to enjoy on earth. "I have new life."
18. Every Believer is a saint. Romans 1:7. God has already set you apart as His child. God has made you holy (saint) and is eager for you to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to make it a reality. "I choose to live like a saint."
19. Every Believer has been baptized into Christ. Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 12:13. The Holy Spirit placed you "in Christ" when you placed your faith in Him.
20. Every Believer is free from condemnation. Romans 8:1; Romans 5:9. Condemnation comes from unforgiven sins. Christ paid for all of our sins, and you are incapable of paying for any of your sins. In salvation, Jesus,

your substitute, paid for your sins, thus making you perfect before God and free from all condemnation. “God will bring NO condemnation against me when I stand before Him.”

21. Every Believer is inseparable from the Love of God. Romans 8:38-39. Love is the strongest motivation, and God’s love for you is so strong, there is nothing or nobody that He will allow to separate you from Him. “I am secure!”
22. Every Believer is sanctified. 1 Corinthians. 1:2. You are set apart from the world and given the ability to become like God (holy) in the way you live and face life. “I don’t have to live like the world.” I choose to live a heavenly life on earth.”
23. Every Believer is the Temple of God. 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. This truth should have a dynamic effect on your life. Temple references the Holy of Holies in which God personally and continually dwelt. Think about how different you act when certain people are around you. Now think about the fact that you are the Temple of God, and God hears your every thought, motive, and word and sees all you do. He also understands your situation and is there to help and guide you through whatever comes along. Allow this truth to affect your words, thoughts, and actions. “I am God’s dwelling.”
24. Every Believer is sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise. 2 Corinthians. 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14. A seal is a mark of ownership. In the old west, a brand was placed on a cow to show that it belonged to a particular person. The Holy Spirit is in you to show that you belong to God, and no one can remove Him from your life. “The Spirit secures me.”
25. Every Believer is a new Creation in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17. God made you so you could live a different life. You are in the world but not of the world, so your calling is to live a heavenly life in this sinful world. “Spirit, help me to be aware of your leading so I can live this new life.”
26. Every Believer is Christ’s purchased possession. Ephesians 1:13-14. Do you think of yourself as belonging to God? You are not your own but belong to God. How will you live your life differently, knowing that you belong to God? “I belong to God.”
27. Every Believer is a Child of light. Ephesians 5:8. God is light, and in Him, there is no darkness at all. We are children of the One who is light, and that must affect the way we live. Refuse to live in darkness. “Lord, help me to be a light to the world.”
28. Every Believer is made complete in Him. Colossians 2:10. Do you wonder if you are acceptable enough? God provides everything needed to make us entirely acceptable in His sight. “My salvation is perfectly complete.”
29. Every Believer has an eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:15. God wants you to know that you are wanted and important to Him. “I’m in God’s will.”
30. *Every Believer is an heir of God*. Romans 8:17. If you had \$10,000 to give away, to whom would give it? A stranger, an enemy, or a person you love and value? God shares everything He has, not only with you but with all of His children. He fully accepts us and shares all He has with us. “God’s sharing it all with me.”
31. *Every Believer is a joint heir with Christ*. Romans 8:17. A joint heir means all share equally. That means all Christ has, in all of heaven and creation, He shares with you. Isn’t that the greatest? “Jesus shares everything He has with us.”
32. Every Believer is a gift from God to Christ. John 17:6; Ephesians 1:18. Read these verses: How does it grab you that the Father — God Almighty gave you to the Son? What are the implications of that truth?