

## We Are All Priests

Being in Christ is the greatest blessing one can ever know. Here are just a few scriptures to see clearly how blessed we are. Ephesians 1:3 NKJV **“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”** This tells us that we in the church are blessed with every spiritual blessing.

I John 5:13 NKJV **“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”** Here we see that John tells us we can know that we have eternal life through faithfulness.

Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV **“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”** Finally we read that this, the redeeming plan that was from the very beginning. That through Christ we can be redeemed.

What wonderful scriptures! How blessed we truly are and this isn't even everything. But one special blessing I would like for us to consider is the fact that when we become Christians we become priests. Have you thought about that? Sometimes for me it is hard to think of myself as one. I mean the things that come to mind when thinking of an Old Testament priest is the garments they wore, the sacrifices they made and responsibility they had for taking care of the temple. And yet since we are not under the Old Law it might seem confusing to consider ourselves priests but lets go to scripture to figure it out. Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV **“and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”** Revelation 5:9-10 NKJV **“And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”** Both of these passages tell us that it is God who has made us priest and with that we have had our sins washed away and have been redeemed! What glory from God. But there is something that we must understand. And that is, just because we are made priest through obedience our work is now finished. That never has been true. Not under the Old Law and not under the Law of Christ which we are currently under. We must always be working. I Peter 2:4-5 NKJV **“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”** And just shortly after that Peter says it again I Peter 2:9-10 NKJV **“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you**

**may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”**

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Here says it all, we have a responsibility to cherish the priesthood that we are apart of because CHRIST is our high priest. Living a life of full spiritual sacrifices and praises to God. Not looking for acceptance from men but God, not living in darkness but in His marvelous light that is where priest are found. So when we examine the scriptures and ask ourselves are we priests. The answer is yes. But we must remember that just because the Bible says it if we don't act on it, we miss the blessings. The blessing of salvation, the blessing of redemption and the blessing of being a priest in the kingdom of God. Will you serve with priestly faithfulness to the King of kings?