ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-7

Introduction:

- 1. The Christian life is not the easiest life, but it is the greatest life one can live.
- 2. All spiritual blessings are only found in Christ.
- 3. In this lesson we will examine three of these blessing found only in Christ...

I. SALVATION OF OUR SOULS

- A. ONLY IN JESUS
 - 1. E.g. -Noah and the ark
 - 2. Salvation is in no other -Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12; 1Ti 2:5
- B. KNOW THE WAY INTO CHRIST
 - 1. Through faith and submission to His will
 - 2. Through baptism -Ga 3:27; Ro 6:3, 4

II. STRENGTH FOUND IN CHRIST

- A. EVERYONE HAS A NEED FOR STRENGTH
 - 1. We face an uncertain future (i.e. personal and political)
 - 2. We know God is in control -Mt 28:18
 - a. His church will not be stopped -Ac 5:17-ff
 - b. His servants suffer, but He is still there -Ac 7:56; 9:15, 16; 18:9, 10

B. CHRIST IS OUR STRENGTH

- 1. Strength in His word
 - a. We content for the faith through His word -Jude 3
 - b. We plant the seed which is His word -Lk 8:11; 1Co 3:6, 7
- 2. Strength in prayer
 - a. Jesus often prayer -Mk 1:35
 - b. We cast our cares on God -1Pe 5:7
 - c. We pray without losing heart -Lk 18:1

III. PEACE AND COMFORT FOUND IN CHRIST

- A. ONLY IN JESUS
 - 1. He offers a peace that the world can never give -Jn 14:27
 - 2. His peace is beyond understanding -Ph 4:6, 7
- B. HIS PEACE DOES NOT LEAVE US
 - 1. In times of great distress -2 Co 1:3, 4; 8-11
 - 2. The apostle Paul had peace and was determined to magnify Christ by life or death -Ph 1:20, 21

Conclusion:

- 1. We are steadfast in Christ because of His great love and salvation that He offers
- 2. When one has put their faith, trust, and obedience in Christ, they have great blessings the world can never know!