**Practicing Living by God’s life in a Troubled World (Scripture Verses are from the NIV)**

**Section 2) When we believed & received Jesus we obtained a new identity and new relationship. Whether we understand it or not---we’re on God’s team after receiving Jesus into our heart.**

**Listed are some of the many blessings based on our new identity and new relationship with God after believing in and receiving Jesus as our Savior. We are on God’s team with many benefits.**

***Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.***

**A. We are God’s children**

*John 1:12-13 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.*

*Galatians 4:6-7 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” 7So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

**B. God lives in us and we are one with Him.**

*1 Corinthian 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

*John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another* ***advocate****to help you and be with you forever—****17****the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2014:%2016-17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26686a)*] in you.*

*Colossians 1:27-29 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.*

*Ephesians 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

*1 Corinthians 6:17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.*

*1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

**C. We are accepted by God**

*Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*Roman 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

*Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**D. We have an exalted position in God’s kingdom**

*Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*

*Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*Ephesians 1:1 To all the* ***saints*** *in Ephesus the faithful in Christ Jesus*

**E. We have unlimited access to God for His help**

*Ephesians 3:12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*

*Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

**F. We are secure**

*Ephesians 1:13-14 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.*

*Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

**G. We are loved**

John 17:23 NKJV *I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

*Romans 8: 37-39 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**H. We are designed to live by God’s life**

*2 Peter 1:4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

*John 15: 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

With these blessings and God living in us, we are to learn to be Christ- like in the way we live.