

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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PART 14: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

SPIRIT OF FEAR

The spirit of fear is an evil spirit (demon) connected to the Law of Death. As soon as Adam and Eve transgressed and ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, they died spiritually and became subject to the Law of Death. **Genesis 2:16-17**

The Devil immediately placed a spirit of fear in them. **Genesis 3:8-10**

Since everyone is subject to the Law of Death, with the exception of those who are born again, the spirit of fear is always present with the torment it brings. The apostle Paul stated that a born again person has become a son of God and is led by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:14**

A believer in Christ is not given the spirit of fear; rather we have the Holy Spirit. We have been adopted by God the Father and this is why you can address Him as “daddy.” **Romans 8:15**

The apostle John said that perfect love casts out all fear. If you are able to accept the truth that God the Father loves you, you have been adopted as a son, and acceptance of this love removes all fear from your life. You will definitely know that you have been set free from the Law of Death. **1 John 4:16-19; 2 Timothy 1:7**

CHILDREN OF GOD

As a child, there is a vast difference between being in your own home versus visiting someone else’s home. You have a legal right to inherit your parents’ home and all their possession after they pass away. In much the same way, the earth belongs to our heavenly Father and the Devil is just a trespasser. We need to act like God’s children and take dominion over our Father’s property. **Romans 8:16-17a**

Jesus suffered when he walked on this earth 2,000 years ago and so will Christians. We can take solace in the fact that just like we have suffered for Christ, we will also be glorified with Him on the other side of eternity. **verses 17b-18**

THE CREATION IS LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

Adam and Eve became cursed when they sinned. They did not know that the earth and its animal population would also be placed under the same curse. **Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:19-22**

Every believer in Christ is waiting to be delivered from this body of death and to be with Jesus in our newly resurrected bodies. **Romans 8:23-25**

NOT KNOWING WHAT TO PRAY FOR

It might seem harsh when Paul says that a Christian does not know what to pray for but this is what the Holy Spirit led him to say. This statement is true since we cannot see



into the future. So when we pray for something that we want to happen, we don't necessarily know how it will play out, but the Holy Spirit knows the future and can direct us to pray constructively so that God's will is accomplished. **verses 26-27**

ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD

All Christians will encounter difficulties. We learn early in life that "there is no such thing as a free lunch" and that the Devil and his fallen angels hate us with a passion that is hard to imagine, constantly working to make life sour for believers in Christ. Paul said that we shouldn't focus on the circumstances since God is going to turn it around for good. **verse 28**

PREDESTINATION

God is the creator of each soul. The soul is the real you who temporarily resides in a physical body. The soul has a spiritual body with a brain, arms, legs, eyes, ears and a mouth. The physical body is a replica of the soul body. **Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-10**

All our thinking is carried out by the soul brain. All talents, knowledge and emotions exist in the soul brain, not the physical brain. A soul is paired with a dead spirit that is made alive at the moment of salvation (new birth).

As human souls, we have not existed in a previous life; we are created to be placed in a physical body at the moment of conception.

When Paul wrote about being made in the likeness of Christ (predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son), it means that God is not limited in time. He exists in the past, He is in the present and He also exists in the future. God has designed each soul and selected the time period, geographical location and the parents of that soul. He knows every choice a soul will make on earth. **verses 29-32; Isaiah 49:1-6; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 1:15-16**

NEVER SEPARATED

There is nothing that can separate a believer in Christ from God! Once you are saved, there is an ironclad promise that no one will be able to isolate you from God. This means that the Devil, fallen angels, and people can torment and kill the physical body, but the soul and spirit of a saved man is secure forever. **Romans 8:33-39; John 10:27-30; Hebrews 6:13-20**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?