

Hebrews 7.11-13

Perfection in Righteousness

We have been given a bag of blessing in Christ. It is the perfection promised in Him, the perfection COMPLETED in Him for us! This set of blessings, perfected in Christ and distributed to the saints are things that could never have been accomplished in the law, or in the Levitical system of sacrifices and imperfect obedience... blessings that were impossible for the law to provide; and curses that were impossible for us to escape. If God would not completely save us, we would not be saved. If He would not deliver us, we would be condemned.... But praise be to the Father, and praise be to the Son and praise be to the Spirit - for God has done what we could not and has given us righteousness, inclusion, adoption and glory in addition to freedom.

I. RUINED & HOPELESS

A. Our sin has ruined us and we need intervention beyond us

1) We had nothing that desired God

Romans 3.9-23

2) All our aims and thoughts were evil –

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

3) We were under a sentence of death from birth –

Genesis 2.16-17

Ephesians 2.1-3

B. The Law was unable to help

1) Law was weak –

Romans 8:3 (NKJV)

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in

the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

2) We were without strength –

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

3) The blood of animals could never remove sin;

Hebrews 10:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

4) it could only, by the forbearance of God, cover over them for a season yet to come. -

Romans 3.24-26

II. GOD'S PROMISED PERFECTION

A. God Promised to restore us

- 1) From the garden itself the promise of Messiah's victory over evil was promised –

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

- 2) His rule was promised to bring righteousness and restoration –

Isaiah 60:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Also your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

- 3) He promised to make us more than we ever were before
- 4) He promised us His own righteousness –

Jeremiah 23:6 (NKJV)

*⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*

5) He promised everlasting righteousness –

Daniel 9:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

6) This Righteousness is for eternity, because it is the very righteousness of Jesus Christ –

1Corinthians 1.30-31

B. He Promised to destroy sin and the power of death itself -

Isaiah 53.10-12

Psalm 16:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Psalm 49:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me. Selah

Psalm 86:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

III. GOD'S PERFECTED PROMISE

A. He went far beyond what we could see in promise, outstripping even our wildest presumptions

B. He made us His own sons and daughters - co-heirs with Christ –

Romans 8.13-17

C. He gave us the very righteousness of Christ

1) Redemption through His blood –

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

2) He was made a propitiation –

Romans 3:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

3) He stands opposed to the working of the Law even as He fulfilled it –

Romans 8.3-4

- a) The law condemned us for it showed our sin with no possible deliverance
 - b) The law pronounces sentence with no provision for transformation
 - c) It cannot cleanse us, only tell us what we should do and judges us when we fail
- 4) Thus Christ became the end of the law –

Romans 10:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5) The Levitical priesthood could not do any of this, for under it we received the law

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D.He set us completely free from death - for Christ has broken the barrier of death –

1Corinthians 15.50-58

E.He has given us a promise of a home with Him forever –

John 14.1-6

F.He has removed the barrier that kept us from God -

- 1) Christ being our access to God
- 2) His righteousness being accounted to our credit –

2Corinthians 5.21

- 3) Our sins being removed from our account and punished in the death of Christ
 - a) Cast as far as east is from west –

Psalm 103.11-14

- b) Our sins willingly remembered no more –

Jeremiah 31.33-34

G.He has made us fit for His own presence for all of eternity -

- 1) Those prepared for destruction - outside of Christ
- 2) Those prepared for glory - inside of Christ

H.This is the heart of the gospel command for us

Proverbs 24:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. ¹² If you say, “Surely we did not know this,” Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

- we seek our family, we seek those who God has determined to set His love upon, for there are still those languishing in sin who are made for glory.