

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Acts 17:11](#).
- B. We are continuing our series on "Gladly Receiving the Word..." and tonight's lesson is how as Christians we have many things that are common with Christ.
- C. Those people on the day of Pentecost that received the word became Christians
- D. When we become Christians like they did, we can share in the same blessings that they had.
- E. We have communion or fellowship with Christ in the areas of
 1. A common Father.
 2. Common blessings.
 3. A common salvation.
 4. Common home in heaven.
 5. Common ability to overcome sin.

I. A COMMON FATHER.

- A. Jesus and God are always in fellowship with one another (Jn. 17:21).
- B. Our sin separates us from God, therefore we need to be brought back into fellowship with Him (Isa. 59:1,2).
- C. But now we can see that God is our Father or your Father. Here are the references where we find your Father (Mt. 5:16; 6:4,6,18).
- D. We also find that in the NT that the called are in God (Jude 1).

II. COMMON BLESSINGS.

- A. We know that all spiritual blessings are found in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3).
- B. Proverbs tells us that a faithful man will abound in blessings (Prov. 28:20).
- C. Most important, when talking of blessings, is to realize that God meets all of our needs through Jesus Christ (Phil. 4:19).

III. A COMMON SALVATION.

- A. We have a pre-determined appointment with salvation if we will only take advantage of it (1Th. 5:9).
- B. The Lord Jesus first spoke of this great salvation (Heb. 2:3).
- C. And Jesus told us the conditions that apply to obtaining this salvation (Mt. 16:25).

IV. A COMMON HOME IN HEAVEN.

- A. The faithful Christian must recognize that his/her name is written in heaven (Lk. 10:20; Heb. 12:23; Rev. 3:5).
- B. Even though we are in this earthly body (or tent) we long for our heavenly body that is to come (2Cor. 5:6-8).
- C. The reason for this longing to be with the Lord is that heaven is our true home (Phil. 3:20,21).

V. COMMON ABILITY TO OVERCOME SIN.

- A. We recognize that Jesus did not sin while He was on the earth, even though He was tempted many times (2Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15).
- B. Now we can have confidence in our lives as well. We know that God (our Father) is more powerful than sin, and the temptation of sin (1Cor. 10:13).
- C. We also know that we have no excuse, when we sin (2Pet. 1:3).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. With all of these blessings, why would we want to be outside of Christ?
- B. With all of these blessings , why would we want to be inside of Christ and unfaithful to Him?
- C. Do you have needs? Do you want to be faithful? Do you need to become a Christian?
- D. The Lord' s invitation is yours tonight!
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.