

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Corinthians 1:30**.
- B. This lesson will be review for many, but it is always valuable to re-examine old truths.
- C. Before we can look at the four-fold blessing mentioned within our scripture text it is important to realize that these blessings come only to those who are in Christ.
 - 1. We can get into Christ, that is, be a member of His body the church by being baptized (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; 1Cor. 12:13)
 - 2. We have blessings in the heavenly places in Christ (Eph. 1:3).
- D. Being in Christ is a great blessing, it gives us: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

I. **FIRST, WISDOM FROM GOD.**

- A. Mankind is not enabled to figure what is right unless he has help. He cannot direct his own footsteps (Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23).
- B. Most of mankind recognizes that they do not have the answers to life's problems.
- C. No one, in their right mind, can read of the words of Christ and not see great (divine) wisdom.
- D. We can have this wisdom in our live our lives, and have the hope of eternal life by the wisdom of God in Christ (Jas. 1:5).

II. **SECOND, RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

- A. This righteousness comes from being "in Christ" and we then become a part of the righteousness of Christ.
- B. Jesus is righteous, and because we are in Him, we are righteous.

III. **THIRD, SANCTIFICATION.**

- A. To be sanctified is to be set apart, and different (usually for a specific purpose). The term is very similar to being holy.
- B. By being sanctified our works become holy, not wrathful. As sinners our works, no matter how good, will not result in eternal life. We must first be sanctified so that our good works will be pleasing (Eph. 2:1-10).
- C. We have been made holy (sanctified) by the blood of Christ.
- D. To remain in Christ after baptism we must strive to live a holy and sanctified life.

IV. **FOURTH, REDEMPTION.**

- A. One possible definition of redemption is to set free by paying a ransom. This is what God did in Christ (1Cor. 6:20; Ac. 20:28).
- B. Another way to look at this term is 'conversion' which is the turning of one thing into another. Example: money into gold stamps into merchandise, etc. Jesus turned sinners into saints by the shedding of His blood.
- C. We must remember what Christ wert through to secure our reward of heaven and then we will appreciate our redemption.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Paul said in 10:31, that if any man would boast it can only be in Christ. This is true, because only in Christ do we have these great blessings.
- B. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.