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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30 AM
 Worship.....6:00 PM

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 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

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Goals For 2018
Theme
Body Building
 Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
 Sunday AM: 50
 Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 104

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Add Additional Child's Class

Each Member Do An in Depth Bible Study Of Their Own

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We are now in the 5th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Harry & Martha Croninger
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Mary McAfee
 Jean Hume (Anita's Sister)
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 Debbie Beckham
 Sandra Anderson (Brian's Mom)
 Allen Morris—Surgery recovery
 Kathy Lynch

Lord's Supper Reading
I Cor. 11:23-28

Scripture Reading
 AM: Eph. 1:1-11
 PM: Is 33:13-16

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 4
 Invites last month: 100
 Visitors YTD: 0

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Blessed With All Spiritual Blessings

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Read Eph. 1-11. Paul says that we've been blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ. Let's take a look at some of those blessings.

- I. Chosen Us**
 Eph. 1:3, Jn 15:16, 19, I Pt 2:4, 2 Thes. 2:13
- II. Adopted Us**
 Eph. 1:5, Rom. 8:29-30, Eph 2:11-12, Gal. 4:4-5
 Rom 8:15ff, Gal. 3:26, Jn 1:12, I Jn 3:1-2
- III. Made Us Accepted**
 Eph. 1:6, Is 59:1-2, Eph. 2:1, 13, Col. 1:20
 Acts 10:35, 2 Cor. 5:9
- IV. Redeemed**
 Eph. 1:7, I Pet. 1:18-19, Rev. 5:9, Mk 10:45
 Heb. 9:12
- V. Forgiven Our Sins**
 Eph. 1:7, Acts 13:38, Heb. 9:22, I Jn 1:7
- VI. Made Known Unto Us The Mystery Of His Will**
 Eph. 1:9, I Pet. 1:8-12, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, II Pet. 1:3, Heb. 1:1-2
- VII. Obtain an Inheritance**
 Eph. 1:11, Rom. 8:17, Acts 26:18, Col. 1:12, Acts 20:32
 I Pet. 1:4, Jn 14:1-3

Believers Having Hope

All believers experience trials which cause us to wonder how, or if, we will get through the difficulties obstructing our paths. When tribulations come, we have two choices: give in to the despair brought about by the physical trials, or choose to look beyond earthly trials and embrace the blessings encompassed in a living hope and that are fundamental to a right relationship with God.

Peter uses the exclusive New Testament term “Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”, acknowledging God as Father. Peter focuses readers on the relationship disciples have with God and His promises to help His children overcome the trials and difficulties of this life. Peter does not imply this life is overly comfortable or without physical pain, but instead, believers should embrace the blessing and solace available through the living hope entrenched in the certainty of a Christ-centered reality. These embedded benefits are a crucial theme of Peter’s epistle, a message just as relevant today as when Peter penned it in the first century.

Peter identifies and glorifies God the Father as the source of our spiritual life. We cannot acquire a divine life outside the gift that flows from God. John 1:13 says we “were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”. In Ephesians 2:3, we are naturally born “children of wrath”. Therefore, we must be “born again” to enter God’s eternal kingdom, just as Jesus said. The source of our salvation is not in us. It is the “abundant mercy” of God.

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Peter identifies three truths that denote a right relationship with God:
The God and Father is the source of our spiritual life. 1 Peter 1:3
Our everlasting inheritance is secured by faith in God. 1 Peter 1:4
Salvation is prepared and ready to be made known the last time. 1 Peter 1:5

The Greek word for “into” indicates a point reached or entered, a position, a place. The statements mentioned above identify the reality of our spiritual belief in Christ. All three are different aspects of the same thing; they speak of our eternal security.

As Christians, we appreciate the confidence of heaven as an ever-living hope, an indestructible inheritance, and a protected, prepared and personal redemption. As we have said many times here, “our inheritance is now and not yet”. For our inheritance will not be fully realized until Jesus returns. Until then we walk by faith and not by sight, while being sustained by a living hope that is the resurrected Christ Jesus.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”–
1Peter 1:3-5.*