WHY DOES GOD BLESS US?

Discovering the Fullness of Victory - Part 3

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**Galatians 3:28 (NIV)**
There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Paul called the Galatians foolish because they had been given this wonderful gift of life by the grace of God, and instead of continuing to live in his grace, they tried to move forward in the Christian life through their own human effort. It was like they were saying, "Thanks for the jump-start, God. I can take it from here." Why do we do this? It's pride. It's ego. We like to think that we had something to do with our salvation. We like to think that we have earned what we receive from God. Paul makes it clear: **you will never earn God's blessings.** You can only receive them by faith. Faith is the key. **Faith opens the window to God's blessings in your life.**

**Three things that God will do in your life when you put your faith in him.**

**1. Faith makes you right with God**

**Galatians 3:24 (NIV)**
So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Try to live perfectly, according to the law. Try to do everything that you know you should do, without messing up even once. See you how long you last.

**Romans 7:15 (NIV)**
I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

**Romans 7:18-19 (NIV)**
I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.
For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.

**Galatians 3:21-22 (NLT)**
Is there a conflict, then, between God’s law and God’s promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God’s promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 3:25 (NLT)**
And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

2. **Faith puts you in touch with God’s power**

**Galatians 3:5 (NIV)**
Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?

You can experience God's miraculous power on a consistent basis. Here's how:

* **Expects to see miracles in other people’s lives**

* **Look for opportunities to be the miracle in someone’s life**

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3. **Faith gives you access to your true inheritance**

**Galatians 3:8-9 (NLT)**
What’s more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, “All nations will be blessed through you.” So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

**Galatians 3:29 (NLT)**
And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

**Genesis 12:3 (NIV)**
I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

* **How has God blessed me**
* **How can I use His blessing to bless others**

Whatever blessing God has placed in your life, you can be sure that it has been given to you so you can be a blessing to others. This is our inheritance, and through faith we are able to activate it. Faith is the key. **Faith opens the window to God's blessing in our lives.**