

Privilege of Asking!



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The apostle reminds us James 4:2 “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” And Jesus said that John 14:13 “Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” So, we should heed that advice and follow through by asking in Jesus’ Name.

The best privilege a human could have is the privilege to trust God for everything in this life. There are so many who are not aware of the privilege to trust God in *faith* for everything in *life*. There are very few who actively *trust* God in faith for answers to prayer.

We must *know* what God will do for us and to *prove* He actually will do them. This privilege we have of trusting God for all things in *this life* is the faith-connection to *eternal life*. Jesus bore every sin, sorrow, sickness, financial problems, discouragement, stress, and every other evil thing on Calvary’s cross Isaiah 53.

It is the believer’s purchased right and privilege to be delivered from the troubles that Satan *wants* to burden us with. The sacrifice on the cross provides believers with peace, provisions, health, healing, and God’s blessings as they trust Him in faith for these vital issues.

This Atonement for sin also provided a way for any *willing* heart to *have* this information—and to have it be a *reality* in their life of faith. All power and authority have been given to Jesus Matthew 28:18, so His power and resources are *ours* to claim, receive, and enjoy—while we look for His return. God gives the spiritual *enlightenment* to see this, and the spiritual *ability* to receive these gifts—all through faith in Christ—we make the *choice* and God does the *rest*.

Jesus said John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe [trust] in God, believe also in me. 14-16 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.” His presence means God’s love, mercy, and power benefit us.

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is the One who *made* the earth what it is—who *broke* Satan’s power spiritually, and *healed* people physically. He is the One who *changed* the hearts of those who received Christ. He enlightens us to know of the *privilege* we have of asking God for His gifts—and then inspires us to receive them in faith.

We maintain a *thankful* heart as Colossians 1:13-16 God “hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.”

Romans 8:31 “If God be for us, who can be against us?” Everything God has for us, and everything He could *do* for us, will be used to grant the deliverance, the victory, the healing, or the financial blessing. The proof *why* God is *willing* to do it is; Romans 8:32 “He who did not spare His

own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”—whatsoever we shall ask—That is the *privilege* we have of asking!

If God gave the ultimate gift of His Son, to die on the cross for our sins, without any payment or merit on our part, then we *know* that He will also give us every *lesser* gift of health, healing, provisions, protection, peace, justice, spiritual enlightenment, or anything else of infinitely less value than His Son.

To receive the gifts God has for His children, we just *believe* Him and *trust* Him by faith. Everyone has that purchased privilege of placing their dependence, their faith, and their trust on God—without any substitutes taking *His* place. We just *believe* and trust *God*, as we would *believe* and trust *Jesus* John 14:1. All desires, needs, and requests are to be placed before Him in a prayer of faith, and asking for His divine wisdom to know *how* to receive what He wants to give.

The first request we have the privilege of asking God for is to provide our spiritual needs. Our entire *life* is given to Him, so He can *teach* us what we *need* to know. Only God, through the sacrifice of His Son on the cross, and with His Holy Spirit in control of our attitude, can our heart be *converted* to one of obedient *faith* and *trust* on God.

We cannot be *right with* God until we surrender our *life* to Him—without any plank of retreat on the bridge back to the old life of no faith and no trust on God. Joshua said 24:19 that the Lord, “Is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins”—if you do not repent, turn back, get rid of the idols in your life, and trust Him alone—from this point on!

God will fight the battle *for* us—when we place the battle in His hands and make the decision to give up every wrong plan we *had* followed. We are to trust God alone for health,

healing, and the protection of our ourselves and family.

The *Word of God* does not allow us to trust in anything but the *power of God*—for good health. When our decision to trust God is without compromise or negotiation, and we have separated from all human help, God will give us the ability to *believe* and *receive* what He has for us. There is no excuse *not* to trust God in faith, because it is our *privilege* to do that—made possible by a Blood sacrifice.

Jesus bore all *anxiety* and *fear* on the cross. Isaiah 53:5 “*The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,*” so the peace that God has in *heaven*, is the peace that we can claim on *earth*. John 14:27 “*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*” It is our privilege to *claim* that protection and to *enjoy* that peace.

Our every concern is placed before God—Philippians 4:6 “*Do not be over-anxious about anything, but by prayer and earnest pleading, together with thanksgiving, let your request be unreservedly made known in the presence of God.*” We should *refuse* to be upset over *anything*, and to place *everything* before God in prayer—*thanking* Him first and *asking* Him second.

The result is Philippians 4:7 “*The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard [keep] your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” When we choose *not* to be anxious about things but take advantage of the *privilege*, we have to place *all* things before God in prayer, we can *claim* His peace and be sure of receiving it.

Only God has power over Satan, so only God can break his influence over someone. Anyone or anything that disturbs the peace of any home, is to be placed in God’s hands and asking for His peace to abide. *That* is our privilege to *claim* and *enjoy*. When Jesus sent seventy-two disciples in

advance of His visit, He said Luke 10:5-6, “*Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house. And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it.’*”

An example: In a cemetery, the last human *word* had been said, and the last human *plan* had been tried, to change the man possessed of a devil. Jesus just asked his name Mark 5:9 “*My name is Legion for we are many.*” The result of using force by the family and others to change his condition, yielded no results, but in minutes, Jesus sent the man home delivered and changed. God is still able to change much lesser attitudes in us or a loved one.

God is able to control those we work and live with, when the task is placed in His hands, in faith. It is a *privilege* to have our *friends* and our *foes* controlled by divine power. Proverbs 16:7 “*When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*”

It pleases the Lord when we place all our needs and requests before Him in prayer and in faith. Matthew 5:44 “*I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those accusing you falsely, and persecuting you, that ye may be sons of your Father in the heavens.*”

It is a blessed *privilege* to place every situation before God. Romans 12:19-20 “*Do not take revenge,*” because “*I will repay,*” says the Lord. “*On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’*” That is an old custom to indicate regret for being hostile toward someone who had helped them. Romans 12:21 “*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*”

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome Satan’s temptation to resent things and people and difficult situations. All hostile attitudes are placed in God’s hands and asking Him for a

forgiving attitude. Those who *overcome* in the faith, *inherit* the Kingdom when Jesus returns. Revelation 2:11 “*He who is overcoming may not be injured of the second death.*” 3:5 “*He who is overcoming—this one—shall be arrayed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the scroll of the life, and I will confess his name before my Father.*”

It is our privilege to trust God and ask Him for any money we need. When we look away from all possible human sources, we can *ask* for, *believe*, and *receive* from our divine source, all we need for ourselves and enough to give away. A *true child of God* is heir to the unlimited *bank account of God* in heaven.

Eternity is involved in our learning to trust God for things in this life. When we go to God in prayer and trust—asking Him to fulfill every need, spiritual fruit results—leading to the kingdom. John 15:2 “*Every one bearing fruit, He doth cleanse by pruning it, that it may bear more fruit.*”

Everyone will spend eternity in *one* of *two* places. We either choose to *believe* God’s Truth and be saved—forever; or we can *reject* that Truth and be lost—forever! *That* is the choice facing everyone!

Only a child-like faith and trust in the living God will get us into the kingdom. Salvation is what we trust God for—and there cannot be a price tag on *that* privilege! When Jesus said Matthew 18:3 “*Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven,*” He meant it!



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