

CLAIMING OUR DIVINE RIGHTS

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Claiming spiritual rewards is both an *instruction* and a *privilege* of the believer in Christ. The spiritual *blessings* and *gifts* that God promises to give **to each one of us** is an Atonement right to *claim*, *receive*, and *enjoy* **in this life**. God communicates to *us* through His *Word* in the Bible, so we are to communicate with *Him* through our *prayers* on our knees.

It is from **God's** Word that we *learn* what God promises **to us**. Revelation 3:20 AV “*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*”

Revelation 3:20. We need **God's** spiritual *counsel* so He can open our spiritual *vision* to see all that **God** wants to give us. AV Revelation 3:18 AV “*I counsel thee to buy of me.*”

When we understand what spiritual bonuses we can *claim*, God will give us confidence to *ask* for them in faith. Romans 10:17 NKJV “*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” Knowing the meaning of God's *Word*, inspires faith in God's *power*. Knowing that something is definitely *true*—because a trusted friend told us—enables us to *accept* it as a fact.

Spiritual *enlightenment*, *faith*, and *confidence* are to come from understanding what the *Word* of God says— Romans 10:17 AV “*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” We will not receive our deliverance *apart* from the Word **of God** , but always *through* **God's** Word. Satan tries to get us *away* from **God's** Word, so he can take our *victory* away.

God's Word *informs* us about what God *has* for us; and of the spiritual blessings He *offers* to us for walking in His ways. For every act we *do*, there is a spiritual reward

to be *given*, but we will not receive these rewards unless we *claim* them in faith through the Blood of Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:14-15 AV “*And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*” 1 John 5:14-15

Once we have asked God for healing; for a financial blessing; for protection; for guidance; or for anything else—we are then to *believe* the promise—which puts the process into action. It is to ask in *faith*; take God at His *Word*; and then *act* on the promise. It operates like a printing press—the paper is inserted; grasped by the rollers; printed; and completed as a front page.

The promises of God come through a similar process—we ask God in faith; then **God's** divine power is put into motion. 1 John

5:14 NKJV “*If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us*”—then we should *know* that we *have* the answer. God's *promise* is from **God's** *Word* **which** says He *hears* when we ask; thus, we *accept* that promise and believe the answer is waiting to be delivered.

The *Word* of **God** tells of the spiritual *rewards* that result from walking by faith on the promises of God—but they will not be received until we *believe* them to be true and *claim* them in faith. If the Word of God has *stated* it—then we are to *claim* it!

John 10:35 NKJV “*Scripture cannot be broken,*” so God is obligated to *do* certain *things*—when we *meet* His certain *conditions*. What God has *promised*, **God** must *fulfill*, because He cannot say anything that is *not* true. Even eternal life Titus 1:2 NKJV “*which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began*” is ours to *claim*, *receive*, and *enjoy*!

As wonderful in *love* and awesome in *power* that God is, David wrote Psalm 138:2 NKJV *“You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”* God places His *Word* above His *Name*. For Abraham to be absolutely sure that he would receive his blessings, God said Genesis 22:16-17 AV, *“By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee.”* The Word **of God** can never be broken.

All the divine *light*; all the *faith*; all the *victories* and *blessings* we will ever receive, will come from *hearing* and *understanding* the promises of **God’s** Word. It is the very reason Satan works so hard to get us away from the Word **of God**, or to *distort* its meaning— **Satan** wants to destroy our faith. There is no righteousness *apart from* God’s Word, and godliness is living according to **God’s** Word—as God

gives the ability through the gift of His Spirit.

We are to receive spiritual *rewards* for whatever we do in a *Scriptural way*—anything done according to the *will* of God and is revealed in the *Word* of God. Ephesians 6:8 NIV *“You know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.”* **Ephesians 6:8**

We can *claim* peace in the present moment—**God’s** Word guarantees it. Isaiah 53:4-5 AV *“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”* **Isaiah 53:4-5**

The moment we are troubled, upset, or afflicted, we are to go directly to God and *claim* both the peace and the victory. Isaiah 53:6, *“All we like sheep have gone astray;*

we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Since all of our sins, sorrows, and troubles were placed on **Jesus** at the cross, we have a right to *claim* the victory through *faith* in Christ Jesus.

If we *believe* these verses, and *claim* the rewards they promise, we will enjoy God’s healing, righteousness, and peace. Everything is received through *hearing* the Word **of God**—as with Cornelius, who was told about Jesus; Acts 10:39-40 AV “*Whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day.*”

When Cornelius heard **God’s** Word on Atonement for sin—along with all those assembled there—the Holy Spirit was given to the ones who believed. *That* is how valuable the Word **of God** is when *claiming* our promised reward from God. Faith comes from *hearing*, *believing*, and *acting* on **God’s** Word.

The young ruler Mark 10:21 could have *claimed* His divine

inheritance, if he would be willing to *give up* his stored cash on earth. To anyone who obeys **His** Word, God offers a great *reward*. The man was just asked to *transfer* his surplus cash from an *unsafe* bank on earth to a *safe* bank in Heaven, but he was not ready to believe the *truth* of **God’s** Word.

The disciples then asked Jesus what *their* reward would be if they followed Him in faith. Jesus said Mark 10:29-30 AV “*Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren [and everyone dear to them and everything valuable to them], for my sake, and the gospel’s, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.*” **Mark 10:29-30**

We may have to make some *big* changes—breaking off some unscriptural *relationship*—romantic or otherwise; giving away stored *cash*; or getting rid of *treasured* possessions. Whatever is *forsaken*

to obey the **Word of God**, we are to put in a *claim* for a hundredfold reward. If a worldly companion is given up to obey God's Word, **God** promises someone in the Truth a hundred times better for us. We have a scriptural right to *claim* that promised reward.

If our employer wants us to do something *against* **God's** Word, we are to *refuse to do it*, and obey God. If we are asked to tell a lie, cheat, or defraud someone, we must give up the *job*, rather than disobey the **Word of God**. Whatever is given up for the kingdom of God's sake—even if it seems against the grain **or opposite to the behavior that the world expects**—we are to *claim* something better as our promised reward.

Anything we *lose* to obey **God's** Word, we are *promised* in return—*more and better* than we gave up. The Word of **God** says Luke 6:30 WEY *"To every one who asks, give; and from him who takes away your property, do not demand*

it back." If we will meet these things *right*, we are promised one hundred times in *return*—but we first have to *give* before we can *receive*.

Every *one* command in **God's** Word, **the Bible**, is as important as the *next*. God says Luke 6:28-29 NIV *"Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic."* Those commands are just as important as Exodus 20:14-15 AV *"Thou shalt not commit adultery, and thou shalt not steal."* We often try to get *around, over, or under* the **Word of God**, but the Scriptures will confront us every time. We will have to either obey God's Word, or remove the *"Christian"* label, **attire, and/or adornment that** we wear.

The **Word of God** is very clear in saying that if we will give up a worldly companion, or give up one dollar of our money to obey God's Word, we can *claim* the reward of a

friend who is a hundred times better; or a *hundred* dollars for the one given to obey **God's** Word. We must *claim* this reward, and *then* God will give it. Anything or anyone is worth losing for the sake of *eternal life!*

If we will tithe 10% on our gains, God promises a 100% blessing to us—and so much given to us that we will have to share it with others. God says we are to do this to prove Malachi 3:10 NKJV *"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it."* **Malachi 3:10**

Tithing is not just under the law, because Abraham tithed, and he is given as the Gospel example. Galatians 3:9 AV *"So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."* Any money given to the *poor*, includes a wonderful promise from God. To increase our *income*, we should increase our *donations*. Proverbs 19:17 NIV *"He who is kind to the poor lends to the*

LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done." **Proverbs 19:17**

When we give to the poor, it is like God coming down from Heaven and asking us to loan Him some money—then **God** would pay it back with *interest*. When we are *scriptural* with our finances, we can *claim* and *receive* more money than we need. 2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."* **2 Corinthians 9:6**

All the money that has been gained by overcharging, profiteering, and taking advantage of people over the years, is waiting for us to *claim*. Proverbs 11:24 NIV *"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty."* Proverbs 11:25 NKJV *"The generous soul will be made rich."* We have to *first* give it away, before *receiving* our divine rights in Christ Jesus!

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