

DOCTRINE OF THE FORTY THINGS

Introduction: God has provided forty things for the believer at the moment of faith in Christ, and nearly all of them are unique to this Church Age dispensation. These are grace gifts from God to us at the moment we trust in Jesus Christ for our salvation.

- We receive these forty things at the very moment of salvation before we have had a chance to do anything! Therefore, we obviously receive these things by grace; we don't earn or deserve them.
- All of the things are permanent except one.
- Every believer in the Church Age receives these at the moment of salvation.
- Emotions have nothing to do with the receiving of them because they are not felt.
- They are accomplished in total by God. He gives, we receive.
- The great majority of believers are not aware of these things because they have never grown spiritually from learning Bible doctrine.

1. Reconciliation:

- 1) Every person is alienated from God at birth, (**Rom. 3:23**). Therefore every person needs to be reconciled to Him. It is impossible for anyone to accomplish this himself. Reconciliation is the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, which is what removed the barrier between God and man.
- 2) Therefore, with the barrier gone, our simple faith in Jesus Christ causes us to step over the line into eternal salvation. We are reconciled to God at the moment we believe in Christ. Reconciliation is not a process or program.
- 3) **2 Cor. 5:19** - *Namely that God, by means of Christ, reconciled the world to Himself by not imputing their sins to them.*
- 4) **Rom. 5:10** - *For if, while we were enemies (in spiritual death), we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more now being reconciled, we shall be delivered by His life.*
- 5) **Col. 1:20** - *. . .and through Him (Jesus Christ), to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of the cross.*
- 6) Reconciliation is realized at the moment of faith in Christ. **Col. 1:22** - *Yet He has now reconciled you in the body of His flesh through death (substitutionary spiritual death), in order to present you before Him holy, blameless, and beyond reproach.*

2. Regeneration:

- 1) At the moment of physical birth, we receive the imputation of human life to our soul. But at the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit to which God the Father imputes eternal life. Just as we have soul life forever, we have eternal life forever.
- 2) Regeneration is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation whereby He creates a human spirit for the purpose of the imputation of eternal life.
- 3) This is what it means to be "born again." It is not a physical birth like Nicodemus thought (**Jn. 3**). It is a spiritual birth accomplished by God the Holy Spirit. We did not earn it, deserve it, or do anything for it.
- 4) Once we receive a human spirit, we become trichotomous, meaning that we have a body, a soul, and the newly acquired human spirit for fellowship with God.
- 5) We cannot understand spiritual phenomenon until we become trichotomous because spiritual things are nonsense to spiritually dead people, **1 Cor. 2:10-16**.

3. Redemption:

- 1) Redemption views salvation from the standpoint of our being born into a slave market of sin. Jesus Christ paid for our freedom by His substitutionary spiritual death on the cross.
- 2) Therefore, redemption means that at the moment of our salvation, we are freed from the slave market of sin. We have now been liberated from slavery to Satan and our old sin natures.
- 3) While reconciliation is directed toward man and propitiation is directed toward God, unlimited atonement and redemption are directed toward sin.
- 4) This is documented in **Gal. 3:13; Eph. 1:7; Tit.2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19**.

4. Efficacious Grace:

- 1) The omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit makes the Gospel perspicuous in “common grace.” Then we receive the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, God the Father’s divine invitation to believe in Jesus Christ. When we believe in Jesus Christ, the ministry of God the Holy Spirit makes our faith effective for salvation.
- 2) ***Eph. 1:13 - In whom also, when you heard the message of truth, the Gospel of your salvation (common grace); in whom also, when you believed (“efficacious grace”), you were sealed by means of the Holy Spirit.***
- 3) So the first thing given to you at the moment of salvation was the fact that the Holy Spirit made your faith in Jesus Christ valid.
- 4) Efficacious grace removes any potential for someone to legitimately claim that their faith is meritorious - that they deserve some of the credit for their own salvation.

5. Eternal Life:

- 1) If we are going to live with God forever, we must have the life of God, which is eternal life. At the moment of faith in Jesus Christ, God the Father imputes eternal life to our newly acquired human spirits.
- 2) This is documented in ***Jn. 3:15-16, 3:36, 10:28, 6:47; 1 Jn. 5:11-13.***
- 3) Eternal life is imputed to us forever. We don’t earn or deserve it. The unbeliever has soul life, which is everlasting life, living in the lake of fire forever. But spirit life is eternal. Eternal life is living in the presence of God forever. If eternal life could be lost, it would not be eternal.

6. Imputed Righteousness:

- 1) If we are going to live with God forever, we must be as good as God; therefore we must have the righteousness of God.
- 2) This is documented in ***Rom. 3:22; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9.***
- 3) ***Rom. 3:22 - . . .even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe.***
- 4) ***2 Cor. 5:21 - He who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.***
- 5) Unbelievers either don’t know about imputed +R that comes through faith or else they don’t believe it.

7. Justification:

- 1) With the righteousness of God imputed, we are justified, ***Rom. 3:28, 4:1-5, 25, 5:1-2, 9, 8:30; Gal.2:16, Tit.3:7.***
- 2) ***Gal. 2:16 - Nevertheless, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no person will be justified.***
- 3) ***Rom. 3:28 - For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.***
- 4) ***Tit.3:7 - That being justified by His grace, we might be made heirs on the basis of the confidence of eternal life.***

8. Positional Sanctification:

- 1) There are three categories of sanctification in the Christian way of life.
 - a) Positional sanctification is union with the person of Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation. Every believer is sanctified positionally at the moment of salvation.
 - b) Experiential sanctification refers to the spiritual life after salvation.
 1. Every believer is experientially sanctified when he is filled with the Holy Spirit.
 2. There is another type of experiential sanctification that is a potential and is only for believers who have reached spiritual maturity - The Winners!
 - c) Ultimate sanctification refers to the time we receive our resurrection bodies at the Rapture.
 1. Every believer will be ultimately sanctified when he receives his resurrection body.
 2. Only mature believers will receive rewards, decorations, crowns, greater privileges, etc.
- 2) Positional sanctification puts every believer in union with Christ, positionally higher than angels, ***Heb. 1-2.***
- 3) Positional sanctification removes any basis for racial prejudice, cultural differences, social distinctions, personal antagonisms, economic barriers, ideological differences, sexual discrimination, or pre-salvation religious prejudice.

9. All Judgment Removed

- 1) At the moment of your salvation, all judgment is removed. You are never again subject to the Last Judgment or the lake of fire due to one simple act of faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2) **Jn. 3:18** - *He who believes on Him is not judged, but he who does not believe is judged already because he has not believed in the unique person of Jesus Christ.*
- 3) **Rom 8:1** - *There is, therefore, now no judgment to those who are in Christ Jesus.* **Heb 9:27.**

10. We are delivered from the power of the old sin nature.

- 1) This concept is found in **Rom. 2:29; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11; Eph. 4:22ff.**
- 2) At the very moment we believe in Christ, we are delivered from the power and the authority of the old sin nature.
- 3) As soon as we choose to sin, we get back under the authority of the old sin nature. But the rebound technique is the means by which we can escape from being under the authority of the old sin nature.

11. All scar tissue is removed from the soul.

- 1) During our lifetime as unbelievers, we accumulate "scar tissue of the soul."
- 2) This scar tissue is a total hindrance to any form of permanent happiness, peace, or blessing of any kind. Therefore, that scar tissue must be removed before we can receive divine blessing.
- 3) At the moment we believe in Christ, scar tissue is removed, **Isa. 43:25, 44:22.**
- 4) A negative, indifferent attitude towards God's Word can cause the believer to once again accumulate scar tissue on the soul.

12. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) At the moment of personal faith in Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit takes every new believer, enters him into union with Christ.
- 2) We are in union with Christ forever and ever and will never lose this relationship.
- 3) **1 Cor. 12:13** - *By means of one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks (Gentiles), slaves or free, and we were all made to drink into one Spirit.*
- 4) **Gal. 3:26-28** - *You are the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you were baptized into Christ and have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile (no racial distinctions in Christ) ; there is neither slave nor free (no social distinctions in Christ); there is neither male nor female (no sexual discrimination), and we are all one in Christ.*

13. We are related to God the Son by Biblical analogy.

At the moment of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, the Church Age believer becomes related to God the Son through eight special Biblical analogies.

- 1) The Last Adam and the new creation.
- 2) The Head and the body. As body of Christ, we are in union with the Head, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3) The Great Shepherd and the sheep.
- 4) The True Vine and the branches.
- 5) The Chief Cornerstone and the stones of the building.
- 6) The Great High Priest and members of the royal priesthood.
- 7) The Groom and the bride. Our wedding occurs after the Judgment Seat of Christ..
- 8) The King of Kings and the royal family of God.

14. Created a New Spiritual Species.

- 1) We are created a new spiritual species.
- 2) There are two new species in human history.
 - a. The Jewish racial species began when Abraham was circumcised at age 99.
 - b. Church Age believer, at the moment of faith in Christ, becomes a new spiritual species. Never true in any other dispensation.
- 3) **2 Cor. 5:17** - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new spiritual species. The old things have lost their power; behold, new things have come (unique factors of the Church Age).*
- 4) **Gal. 6:15** - *For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision; but a new spiritual species.*

15. We are on a secure foundation.

- 1) We are instantly on a secure foundation at the moment of our salvation, 1 Cor. 3:11, 10:4; Eph.2:20.
- 2) We can never be removed from or lose this secure foundation.

16. Recipients of Eternal Security.

- 1) The moment we believe in Jesus Christ, we have eternal security.
- 2) There are many approaches to teaching eternal security:
 - a. The logical approach, Rom. 8:32 - *If God (the Father) spared not His own Son on the cross, but delivered Him over to judgment, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?* All things include a security that neither we nor God can break.
 - b. The positional approach says that once we are in union with Christ, we can't break that union.
 - c. The experiential approach is found in 2 Tim.2:13 - *Though we deny Him, He cannot deny us.*
 - d. The family approach is taught in Gal. 3:26 - *We are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.* At the point of our salvation, we are born into the family of God; we cannot be unborn from God's family. Once a son, always a son. Each of us will always be a child of God.
 - e. The inheritance approach is found in 1 Pet.1:5.
 - f. There is also the body of Christ approach.
- 3) There is nothing God the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit can do to cancel our salvation after we believe in Jesus Christ, and there is nothing we can do either. There is no renunciation, no system of sin, no evil, no failure or blasphemy on our part that can ever cancel out our salvation.

17. Guaranteed a Resurrection Body Forever.

- 1) At the moment anyone believes in Jesus Christ, he is guaranteed a resurrection body, a perfect body forever.
- 2) Jn. 11:25 - *Jesus said to her (Martha), 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even if he dies.'*
- 3) Dying does not keep us from having a resurrection body; only unbelief in Christ does that.

18. Entered into the Royal Family of God Forever.

- 1) There has never been a royal family of God before the Church Age.
- 2) Our Lord has three titles or patents.
 - a. Our Lord's first royal title acknowledges His divine royalty as God, John 1:18, 6:46; 1 Tim 6:16; 1 Jn 4:12; Rom 1:4. These passages indicate He is the revealed member of the Godhead. His divine royal family is God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. This royal title is Son of God, Rom 1:3.
 - b. Our Lord's second royal title refers to His Jewish title, which began at his birth. This title is Son of David, and the royal family is the dynasty of David.
 - c. Our Lord's third royal title refers to His battlefield title, His strategic victory over Satan, and his forces during the First Advent, 1 Tim 6:15, 1:17; Rev 17:14, 19:16. This royal family of God title is King of kings and Lord of lords.
- 3) The moment we believe in Christ, we become a royal family member of God.
- 4) So all Church Age believers are royalty, but very few act like it. Royalty observes a certain protocol. God has a protocol plan for us to follow, and He expects us to learn it and to live by it.

19. The Sealing Ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

- 1) The Holy Spirit gave us a signature guarantee at the very moment we believed in Jesus Christ.
- 2) The sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit is not the same as His ministry of efficacious grace. The Greek word for "sealed" means to stamp with a signet ring or private mark for security and preservation. Nothing can change it, Dan. 6:7-24.
- 3) It is documented in Eph. 1:13 - *In whom also, when you heard the message of truth, the Gospel of your salvation (common grace); in whom also, when you believed (efficacious grace), you were sealed by means of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:20; 2 Cor. 1:22* - *Who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as the guarantee.*

20. The Distribution of Spiritual Gifts.

- 1) At the moment we believe in Christ, God the Holy Spirit provides each of us with at least one spiritual gift.
- 2) The initial distribution of spiritual gifts in the first generation of the Church Age was made by God the Son, [Eph. 4:7-11](#).
- 3) Subsequently, God the Holy Spirit provides the spiritual gifts, based on His sovereign decision. Never complain about your spiritual gift; it is based on the wise decision of God the Holy Spirit.

21. The Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.

- 1) We are never commanded to be indwelt by the Spirit because at the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit instantaneously indwells the body of the Church Age believer, [Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19-20; 2 Cor 6:16](#).
- 2) The Holy Spirit indwells the body of every believer for a purpose: to provide divine power to offset the continued presence of the old sin nature indwelling the body after salvation.
- 3) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is also a sign of royal family status which is superior to being in the family of God, as believers in past dispensations were.

22. The Indwelling of God the Father.

- 1) At the moment of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, God the Father indwells every Church Age believer, [Jn. 14:23; Eph. 4:6, 1 John 2:23](#).
- 2) The indwelling of God the Father is for a purpose.
 - a. It is related to the glorification of His protocol plan, [Eph. 1:3, 6, 12](#).
 - b. It is a guarantee of His personal ministry to every believer:

23. The Indwelling of God the Son.

- 1) The Prophecy of the Indwelling of Jesus Christ, [Jn. 14:19-20](#).
- 2) At the moment of salvation, God the Son indwells the body of every believer; this is unique to the Church Age, [Jn. 14:20, 17:22-23; Rom. 8:10; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27](#).
- 3) The purpose of the indwelling of Jesus Christ:
 - a. It is a guarantee of eternal life for every believer, [1 Jn. 5:11-13](#).
 - b. It is the basis for assigning #1 priority to Bible doctrine which is basic to the principle of occupation with the person of Christ.
- 4) The indwelling of Christ is related to the Shekinah Glory in the Old Testament. This term is used to express the invisible presence of God the Son with Israel.

24. The Unique Protocol Plan of God.

- 1) We enter this protocol plan of God (PPG) at salvation.
- 2) The PPG is revealed in the Word of God and is designed to teach believers how to do a right thing in a right way.
- 3) "Protocol" refers to a rigid, long-established code and procedure, prescribing complete deference to superior rank and authority, followed by strict adherence to due order and precedence, coupled with precisely correct procedure.
- 4) It educates believers as to proper procedure, following the chain of command that God has designed for the physical and spiritual realms. We did an indepth study of the PPG, August of 1999.

25. Beneficiaries of Problem Solving Devices

- 1) At the moment we believe in Christ, whatever problems we have had in the past, and whatever our inadequacies, God makes available to us ten problem solving devices.
- 2) Like the other forty things, we are not aware of these problem solving devices at the point of our salvation. Awareness comes through post-salvation Bible study.
- 3) These problem solving devices are exclusive to the believer only.
 - a) **#1 THE REBOUND TECHNIQUE** is the only way we can recover fellowship with God after we have sinned. We simply name our sins, and according to [1 Jn.1:9](#), we are forgiven. Rebound is all grace; no human works, human merit, or penance can be added. This is because in rebound, we are simply citing, naming, or acknowledging a sin already judged on the cross.
 - b) **#2 THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** results from using rebound.

- c) **#3 THE FAITH-REST DRILL** mixing the promises of God with our faith. This is how we develop a strong faith by meeting our problems with promises we find in the Bible.
- d) **#4 GRACE ORIENTATION** is coming to the realization that we do not earn or deserve salvation any blessings from God.
- e) **#5 DOCTRINAL ORIENTATION** is the constant need to put doctrine first in our lives and to function under the perception and application of Bible doctrine.
- f) **#6 PERSONAL LOVE FOR GOD THE FATHER** is our motivational virtue.
- g) **#7 IMPERSONAL LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND** is our functional virtue, the only way in which we can handle people problems
- h) **#8 +H** is sharing the happiness of God.
- i) **#9 A PERSONAL SENSE OF DESTINY.**
- j) **#10 OCCUPATION WITH THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.**

26. Beneficiaries of Propitiation

- 1) While reconciliation is directed toward mankind, propitiation is directed toward God.
- 2) Propitiation means that God the Father is satisfied with the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. God the Father is only satisfied with one person in history, Jesus Christ, because He remained impeccable throughout the thirty-three years of his lifetime as well as when bearing our sins on the cross.
- 3) When we believe in Jesus Christ, we are the beneficiaries of that propitiation. God the Father is satisfied with the work of Christ on the cross, and since we believe in Christ who performed it, God the Father is satisfied with us as individuals positionally.
- 4) This is documented in **Rom. 3:22-26; 1 John 2:2, 4:10.**
- 5) **Rom. 3:24-25** - *Being justified as a gift by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God the Father has publicly displayed by His blood as the mercy seat through faith in Christ for a demonstration of His integrity, because of the passing over of previously committed sins, because of the clemency of God.*
 - a) The blood was sprinkled twice on the mercy seat on the Day of atonement, once for the priest and once for the people.
 - b) The mercy seat was constructed of wood and gold. Inside were three items that spoke of the sins of Israel. On each side was a gold cherub: one represented the righteousness of God; one represented the justice of God.
 - c) When the high priest came into the Holy of Holies twice on the Day of Atonement, he sprinkled blood over the top of the Ark of the Covenant or mercy seat. That blood represented the saving work of Christ on the cross.
 - d) The righteousness of God looked down and was satisfied because Jesus Christ was perfect in His humanity. The justice of God judged those sins, and God the Father was satisfied with His own judgment.
 - e) Therefore, propitiation means that God the Father is satisfied with one offering only, the efficacious offering of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27. Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity to receive escrow blessings

- 1) There is only one thing in life that makes people equal, and that is what God does for all believers at the moment they believe in Christ.
- 2) At the moment of our salvation, we are given equal privilege and equal opportunity.
- 3) Equal privilege is part of our royal priesthood; equal opportunity is part of logistical grace.
- 4) Equal privilege is provided in positional sanctification; equal opportunity is provided in the operational-type divine dynasphere.

28. An Eternal Inheritance

- 1) At the moment we believe in Christ, we receive an inheritance which is eternal. We become the heirs of God. We cannot earn or deserve this.
- 2) **Eph. 1:14** - *Who is the guarantee of our inheritance for the release of your assets for the praise of His glory.* **Eph. 1:18; Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29, 4:6-7; Eph. 3:6; 1 Pet. 1:4, 3:7; Heb. 9:15.**
- 3) **1 Pet. 1:4** - *We have an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that fades not away, reserved in heaven for those who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.*
- 4) **Heb. 9:15** - *And for this reason, He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions (committed under the first covenant), those who have been called (divine invitation) may receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

29. Beneficiaries of Unlimited Atonement

- 1) Unlimited atonement means that Jesus Christ was judged on the cross for all personal sins in the history of the human race, from the first sin of Adam to the last sin committed in the Millennium.
- 2) Unlimited atonement means that salvation is open to anyone who will believe in Christ. Only those who believe in Christ become the beneficiaries of unlimited atonement.
- 3) This is documented in 2 Cor 5:14-15, 19; 1 Tim 2:6, 4:10; Tit 2:11; Heb 2:9; 2 Pet 2:1; 1 Jn 2:2.

30. The Universal Priesthood of the Believer

- 1) Only in this dispensation is every believer appointed a priest at the moment of salvation, 1 Pet 2:5,9; Rev 1:6, 5:10, 20:6.
- 2) As a priest, every believer represents himself before God. Unlike the Levitical priesthood of the Mosaic Law, today, women are included in the priesthood.

31. The Royal Ambassadorship of the Believer

- 1) At the moment of salvation, each one of us is appointed a royal ambassador. This is unique to the Church Age.
- 2) 2 Cor 5:20 - Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us. We invite you, on behalf of Christ, become reconciled to God.
- 3) Since you are an ambassador, a part of your responsibility is witnessing for Jesus Christ. It is your responsibility to make the issue clear, for God the Holy Spirit is the sovereign executive of personal witnessing.

32. Election is Realized

Election is a technical term used for believers only, Eph. 1:4.

33. Predestination is Realized

Predestination is a technical term used for believers only, Eph 1:5.

34. The Unique Availability of Divine Power

- 1) At the moment of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, we have three categories of divine power available - such an unprecedented extension to every believer. Available to us is:
 - a) The omnipotence of God the Father is related to our portfolio of invisible assets and our eternal security, 1 Pet. 1:5. li Cor. 12:10 Phil. 4:13.
 - b) The omnipotence of God the Son is related to the preservation of the universe and the perpetuation of human history, Job 38:16-41.
 - c) The omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit provides the enabling power for the perception of Bible doctrine which is the power base for executing the protocol plan of God, Matt. 22:29 I Cor. 2:5 Eph. 3:16 Col. 1:10-11.
- 2) The fact that this divine power is available at salvation does not imply that most believers today ever utilize this power. In fact, most believers are powerless and useless because of ignorance of Bible doctrine.

35. Deliverance from the Kingdom of Satan

- 1) At the moment you believe in Christ, you are delivered from the authority of Satan. Col. 1:13a - For He delivered us from the authority of darkness.
- 2) At the moment we believe in Christ, salvation removes us from cosmic involvement. All unbelievers are in the cosmic system under spiritual death and the absolute control of the old sin nature.
- 3) For some who are demon-possessed, salvation through faith in Christ removes demon possession. For others who are demon influenced, salvation through faith in Christ removes demon influence.

36. Transferred into the Kingdom of God

- 1) At the moment of our salvation, we are transferred into the kingdom of God. Col. 1:13b - And He transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.
- 2) Therefore, everything that happened to us before salvation that could be a handicap in our lives has been eliminated. This includes whatever we were and however we failed.

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- 3) Therefore, the only way that anything that happened to you before salvation can be a handicap is if you make it a handicap because of ignorance of Bible doctrine and ignorance of God's policy of grace.

37. We are given access to God

The moment we believe in Christ, we start having access to God through prayer, Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:18; Heb. 4:14, 16,10:19-20.

38. We are a gift from God the Father to God the Son

We are a gift in that we are formed as the royal family of God, Jn 10:22-29, 17:2,6,9.

39. Escrow Blessings

- 1) Billions of years ago, God the Father, as the Grantor, deposited into escrow greater blessings for each of us. In His omniscience, He knew we would believe in Christ. So He deposited into escrow greater blessings for both time and eternity.
- 2) These blessings are irrevocable. We Church Age believers are the grantees. At the moment we believe in Christ, these blessings become applicable or available.
- 3) By growing in grace after salvation to spiritual maturity, we receive our escrow blessings for time. Then at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will receive our escrow blessings for the eternal state.
- 4) All Church Age believers have equal privilege and equal opportunity to advance to spiritual maturity and receive these greater blessings, James 4:6.
- 5) However, many believers are losers instead of winners in that they fail to use these opportunities. Because they are not consistent learning Bible doctrine, their escrow blessings remain on deposit in heaven forever. Since the blessings are irrevocable, they either remain on deposit for losers, or they are distributed to winners.
- 6) Escrow Blessings, **Super Grace Blessings**, come in six categories:
 - Spiritual Blessings
 - Temporal Blessings
 - Blessings by Association
 - Historical Impact
 - Undeserved Suffering
 - Dying Grace

SUPERGRACE BLESSINGS

1. Spiritual blessings.

- a. Sharing the perfect happiness of God, occupation with Christ.
- b. Capacity for life, love, happiness, blessing, and total appreciation for grace.
- c. The ability to face undeserved suffering in life.
- d. The ability to correctly interpret contemporary history, to evaluate current events in the light of the Word of God.
- e. Freedom from slavery to circumstances in life and adaptability to changing circumstances. The mature believer is the greatest innovator in time of historical disaster.
- f. Grace-orientation, freedom-orientation, authority-orientation, common sense.
- g. A total sense of security, whether in prosperity or disaster.

2. Temporal blessings

- a. Wealth, either received as a gift or acquired.
- b. Professional prosperity: great influence, leadership dynamics, success, promotion, recognition in one's sphere of life. When God promotes you, you are qualified for the job. The ability to assume responsibility and authority.
- c. Social prosperity: great friends.
- d. Sexual prosperity with one's own husband or wife.
- e. Technical prosperity or mental prosperity: the ability to think; concentration increases.
- f. Cultural prosperity: maximum enjoyment of drama, art, literature, music, history.
- g. Establishment prosperity: enjoyment of freedom, privacy, protection of life and property from criminals and reprisal.
- h. Health.

3. Blessings by association

- a. Those around a mature believer are blessed by their association or relationship with that person. They are blessed either directly by God or indirectly from the supergrace believer's overflow of supergrace blessings. Others share in the blessings of the supergrace believer.

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- b. There are peripheral areas of blessing by association: loved ones, business life, social life, and the local church.
- c. There are also geographical blessings shared by the supergrace believer's city, state, and nation.

4. Historical blessing

The mature believer carries his generation, **2 Tim 1:5**. He stabilizes his generation and becomes a stabilizer for future historical generations. The ebb and flow of history does not disturb the tranquility or impact of the mature believer. The reversionist is caught up in the disasters of history and swept along with them. But the supergrace believer rides on the crest of the wave of blessing. He rises above historical disaster.

5. Undeserved Suffering

- a. Only in time does God have the opportunity to give us pressure, disaster, and undeserved suffering to prove to Satan and the fallen angels that Bible doctrine can handle any situation.
- b. Suffering never leaves the believer the same as he was before. It make him either better or worse. God gives us the ability to handle suffering and to turn suffering into blessing, **Rom 8:28**.
- c. No rebound or soul-searching is involved because a mature believer knows when he is under divine discipline or undeserved suffering. The former is unbearable suffering, the latter is bearable.
- d. The supergrace believer's ability to handle undeserved suffering glorifies God and becomes evidence against Satan in his appeal trial.
- e. Undeserved suffering is also used by God to help you keep your eyes on God and your focus an eternity, **Rev. 2:10; 2 Cor. 12:9-10**.
- f. Undeserved suffering teaches us the value of Bible doctrine, **Ps. 119:67-71**.
- g. Undeserved suffering is designed to manifest the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, **2 Cor. 4:8-11**.
- h. Undeserved suffering is designed to put muscle on your faith and put the focus of believers on eternal values, **Rom.8:36, 5:3-5**.

6. Dying blessings or Dying Grace

- a. Every believer has a choice in time between being positive to Bible doctrine and receiving dying grace, or being negative to doctrine and dying the sin unto death.
- b. There is a relationship between the supergrace blessings for time and the eternal rewards and blessings at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
- c. Dying grace is the link between the two. It bridges the gap. From saving grace, we go to logistical grace, then to supergrace, through dying grace, to surpassing grace, **Heb 11:13**.
- d. The curse of death with its pain and fear is removed. It is the greatest experience in life. It is the antithesis of the sin unto death. The perfect happiness of the supergrace believer in time is exceeded by his +H in dying grace.
- e. Therefore, the mature believer has the best of life, better in dying, and better than the best for all eternity. **Ps 116:15 - Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones**.
- f. **Saving grace**, attained by faith in Christ, advances us into the royal family forever.
Logistical grace keeps us alive in phase two of the plan of God (time) for the attainment of blessing or discipline.
Supergrace is the provision of maximum blessing for the mature believer.
Dying grace is the bridge between supergrace blessings for time and surpassing grace blessings for eternity.
Surpassing grace is the rewards and decorations belonging to the mature believer at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

40. The Filling of the Holy Spirit

- 1) This occurs for the first time at the moment of salvation through faith in Christ.
- 2) At the moment we believe in Christ, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. None of us retain this status for very long. How often we regain that status, or **IF** we regain it depends on the knowledge we acquire about spirituality and God's plan for our lives.
- 3) The only way to recover the filling of the Holy Spirit and obey the mandate given in **Eph. 5:18** is through the use of the rebound technique (confession of sin to God the Father).
- 4) The filling of the Holy Spirit is unique to this dispensation.
 - a) The enduement of the Holy Spirit for some believers in the O.T. was different:
 - b) It was not available to every believer, it was given to achieve a specific mission, and it was withdrawn when the mission was completed.
 - c) There are two positive mandates regarding the filling of the Holy Spirit, **Eph. 5:18, Gal. 5:16**.
- 5) There are two negative mandates regarding the filling of the Holy Spirit, **Eph. 4:30a, I Thess. 5:19**.
- 6) The filling of the Holy Spirit is not related to emotions, speaking in tongues, hearing voices, seeing visions, healing the sick, or performing miracles.
- 7) This in no way minimizes the function or the power or work of the Holy Spirit .

Doctrine of 40 Things

Apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit, there is no spiritual life. It is not an end in itself but the means to an end.

Conclusion:

- 1) The believer should be made aware of these forty things as soon as possible after salvation so that he can express his positive volition by choosing spiritual growth and glorification of God over pseudo emotional spirituality and self-aggrandizement.
- 2) These forty things all received at salvation are the basis for grace-orientation, experiential sanctification, execution of the protocol plan of God, and glorification of God.