

Count Your many blessings!

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Introduction

1. Ephesians 1:3
2. There was/is a time in history when it was necessary to be in a God appointed place at a time God specified.
 - a. Noah 1 Peter 3:20-21
 - b. In the house – Moses Passover. Exodus 12:13
 - c. In the church. Ephesians 1:3
3. In a materialistic age in may be difficult to convince people of the reality and value of spiritual blessings let alone count them.
4. Yet the more we count our blessings the less apt we will be to complain and the more apt we will be to give thanks.
5. Have you counted your blessings that you have, both spiritual and physical?

II Discussion

- A. There are spiritual blessings. Ephesians 1:3-2:17
 1. We are chosen 1:4
 2. We are accepted 1:6
 3. We are redeemed 1:7
 4. We are forgiven 1:7
 5. We are made nigh 2:13
 6. We are reconciled 2:16
 7. We have peace 2:17
- B. We have physical blessings.
 1. A nation where we can worship. 1 Timothy 2:1-4
 2. We are blessed by living in this area. Psalm 65:9 ff
 3. We live in an area where traditional values can still be found. Proverbs 14:34
 4. Our needs are well supplied. Matthew 6:26-30; 28:20; Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:19
 - a. In reality we live with abundance. John 10:10
 - b. Look at our building.
 - c. The congregation itself is a blessing. 1 Corinthians 12:18-22; Ephesians 4:16
 5. We have the blessing of Bible study aids. 2 Timothy 2:15
- C. We have great opportunities (Revelation 3:8-9) and thus an obligation to respond. James 3:1
 1. We need to share what we have. 1 Timothy 6:17-19
 2. We need to give thanks. Ephesians 5:20
 3. We have the obligation to increase our level of devotion Philippians 3:7-8

Conclusion

1. Are you ready to count your blessings?
2. Are you surprised at what God has done for you?
3. Then submit to God and obey His commands.

Sources: Sermon by Edwin Jones; Count our many blessings, date unknown; Reason to Rejoice by Tom Holland and Heavenly Habitations by Tom Holland.