

Christian Privilege, Part 7

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Introduction Summary

A privilege is any peculiar benefit or advantage, right or immunity not common to others of the human race (Webster's Dictionary, 1828 ed.) Although there are many more privileges we have as Christians, we will conclude this study with five more privileges we have in Christ Jesus: As a Christian, you will be a part of the gathering; you have access to God's wisdom; God reveals His plan to you; you can ask Him for anything; and you have the faith of God. Finally, we will find out how to receive these wonderful privileges provided for us by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

- I. You will be part of the gathering.
 - A. *The fulness of times* means *when the earth lease is up* (Eph. 1:9-16).
 - B. In the gathering, God will bring with Him those saints that have passed on to heaven before us (1 Thes. 4:13-14).
 - C. In the gathering they will have glorified bodies (Mt. 27:51-53; John 20:27).
 - D. Don't feel sorry for someone who went home to be with the Lord.
 - E. When the gathering takes place, many of the ones left will converge into this sanctuary and fall on the altar. God's mercy will still prevail for them.
 - F. Be a part of the ones who go in the first gathering. We are near the end of the lease.

- II. You have God's wisdom (2 Tim. 3:15-16; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 2:14). You always have a plan when you have God's wisdom.
 - A. In the midst of trials, have an attitude of joy (Jam. 1:1-2).
 1. When my wife and I were Bible students, we were head-over-hills in debt. I came home one day and she had all the bills on the table. She was looking at me as if to say "You're supposed to be a man..." The devil said, "Call your daddy for money." But the Spirit of God prompted me to laugh at it. We both acted on our faith and laughed at that debt. Later God blessed us, we got out of debt, and we remain debt free today.
 2. You can have joy when you know James 1:3-4.
 3. *Perfect* means *maturing* (Jam. 1:4).

- B. Ask God for wisdom with trust, confidence and assurance (Jam. 1:5-7).
- III. God reveals all things to you (1 Cor. 2:9-10).
- A. The more time you spend with the Holy Ghost, the more He reveals His plan.
 - B. You have received the Spirit which is of God so you may know what God has freely given you (1 Cor. 2:12).
- IV. You can ask God for anything according to His Word (1 John 5:14-15).
- A. *Confidence* (Gk. *parresia*) means *all outspokenness, boldness and frankness*.
 - B. If you know you have what you're asking for, how would you act?
 - C. You have to ask Him.
 - D. When you have a Word from God you can be confident.
- V. You are privileged to have faith (Mark 11:23-24). When you pray, '*believe you got it before you get it.*'
- VI. There are five things you must do to receive your privileges.
- A. Acknowledge your privileges (Phlm. 1:4-6).
 - B. Live as though the Word is true (Heb. 10:38).
 - C. Live holy - live according to the Scripture (Heb. 12:4, Pro. 8:13).
 - D. Walk in love, always (Gal. 5:6).
 - E. Constantly give thanks (1 Thes. 5:18-23).
1. Whatever circumstance arises, give thanks.
 2. *In* (Gk. *en*) means *a fixed position, place, time or state*.
 3. Express gratitude in every situation.
 4. You can always find something for which you can be grateful.

Closing Summary

For all these privileges, you must have an attitude shift. Knowing the privileges set forth in these teachings, you can approach every trial with joy, knowing that God has provided everything you need to win in this life.