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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

Galalatians 3:13-14

"Christ has **redeemed us** from the curse of the law, **having become a curse for us** (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'), **that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles** in Christ Jesus, **that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith**."

Galatians 4:6-7

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

What does the Blessing of Abraham encompass?

Receiving the Holy Spirit at Salvation and then a greater anointing with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Expect Testing of your faith – Can God trust you with more?

- Hebrews 11:17-18 (NIV) "By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as
 a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only
 son, even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be
 reckoned."
- Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV) "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
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Favor with God and man.

- 1 Samuel 2:26 (NIV) "And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men."
- Luke 2:52 (NIV) "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."
- Psalms 5:12 "For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."

Victory over my enemies.

- Psalms 56:9 (NIV) "Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me."
- 1 Samuel 2:7-10 (NIV) "The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's; upon them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his saints, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the LORD will be shattered. He will

thunder against them from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. **He will** give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

Prosperity and Provision for my life.

- What belonged to the Jews, now also belongs to us because of Jesus.
- Deuteronomy 28:1-14 "If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you."
- "The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. 10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you."
- "The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them."

Vision and Revelation for God's plans and purposes for my life.

- Peter's visions, John's Book of Revelation
- Paul's continual direction to spread the Gospel to the gentiles.
- Hearing Listening to the voice of God = one of the most important skills

Multiplication and fruitfulness – many nations.

• Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV) "But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today."

Eternal Covenant with God.

- God is on my side God is for me not against me.
- Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

God praying over me.

 Gen 14:18-20 "Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.' Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything."

Jesus continually intercedes for us.

• Hebews 7:23-25 (NIV) "Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

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