

## God's Blessings are in the Church

In the church, we have all of God's blessings. We are able to enjoy God as our heavenly Father. He is truly the source of our very life. Because the church is God's family, He takes great care for the church. Just like our parents take care of us in our family, God takes care of His family in the best way. God protects us and keeps things from bothering us. He ensures that we learn the truth about how He made the world and everything in it. He also makes sure that we know about His great love for us and that we will always be His precious children.

### The Church is a Blessing to the Earth

Because the church is so blessed by God, the church also becomes a great blessing on the earth. The Bible tells us that the church is the "light of the world". Without the church, the world would be in "darkness", not knowing about God. The church is also the way that God will save man from the world. Without the church, there would be no way for man to be saved. There would be no way to hear about the good news of Jesus Christ.



Like the flowers that beautify the earth, the church is so pleasant in God's eyes. It is His special treasure.

Because the people in the church love God, and love God's ways, they do things in the right and proper way. This also is a great blessing to the earth. This is called "righteousness", meaning that people in the church live their lives in a proper way, treating all people with love and fairness. It is truly the greatest blessing to be in the church.

## God's Creation

- Lesson Twenty-One -

### *The Heavens and the Earth Are for Man (10)*

**I**n the last lesson we saw that the church is where God has His expression on the earth. In this lesson we will see more about the church and how God uses the church to gain a people for Himself for His expression and representation. The church is like our home, it is a place where we are cared for and are taught about the things of God. Through the church, God is able to gain people and raise them up to be His special treasure.

### The Church is God's Family

Because in the church we receive God's life, we are truly God's children. We are His sons and daughters. We are brothers and sisters to each other. God is very happy to have us in His family. God wants His family to grow very large. This happens in two ways.



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The first way that God's family, the church, grows is by people in the church having children. The children of people in the church also become people in the church. We should be very glad that our parents are in the church and not in the world. It is the greatest blessing to be born into the church life.

The second way that God's family grows, is by the people in the church telling others about God. God desires very

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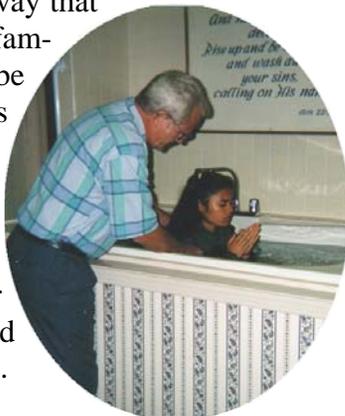
*[God] desires  
all men to be saved  
and to come to the full  
knowledge of  
the truth.*

**1 Tim 2:4**

much to save many, many people into the church. He does this by having those who are already in the church speak to others. This is called “preaching the gospel”. The word “gospel” means “good news”. It is certainly good news to hear about Jesus Christ and to become part of the church.

## Being Part of God’s Family

When a child is entering into junior high, they should be baptized. Baptism is part of the way that we become members of God’s family. Before we are old enough to be baptized, we are still part of God’s family through our parents. Because our parents are in the church, we also are in the church. When we grow older, we will become part of the church on our own. Baptism is one step God uses to make us part of His family.



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**God places us in a family. The family is how God brings us into the church with is His big family.**

**Parents Initials:**