

"THE BLESSINGS OF SALVATION"**Introduction**

1. Everyone wants a happy life.
2. The question is: "How can I get it?"
3. The Bible is given to show us the answer.

1. THE ONLY START TO A BLESSED LIFE: v.1-5

- 1) It begins with this: forgiveness from God: v.1
- 2) It has these 2 aspects to it:
 - (i) imputation: v.2
 - (ii) a guileless soul: v.2

OBSERVE: Justification and Sanctification
- 3) The way to have a miserable life: v.4
 - (i) he was aware of his guilt
 - (ii) but was not confessing his sin yet
- 4) The way to get the blessed life: v.5
 - (i) confession
 - (ii) forgiveness

APPLICATION: The conscience must be at peace

2. THE BLESSINGS WHICH FOLLOW THE GODLY: v.6-10

- 1) God is listening to their prayers: v.6
- 2) Troubles do not overwhelm him: v.6
- 3) God is hiding-place to him: v.7

ILLUSTRATION: David persecuted by Saul
- 4) God guides and directs his steps in life: v.8

APPLICATION: Do you not want God's help?

5) The godly are not to be stubborn: v.9

6) God's dealings with the righteous are the reverse to the wicked: v.10
APPLICATION: Is not all this true to experience?

3. THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE A HAPPY PEOPLE: v.11

- 1) God's people are a blessed people: v.11
- 2) They should sing God's praises loudly
- 3) Give the impression of happiness
APPLICATION: Do not be depressed!
- 4) God commands us to be glad, cheerful:
 - (i) we are saved
 - (ii) we have blessed experiences
 - (iii) we have a blessed hope

APPLICATION: It is our duty to promote love and happiness among one another

CONCLUSION

Illustration: Lachlan MacKenzie
 "The Happy Man".
 O let us be like him!
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