

## Eight Ways God Blesses His People

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There are eight ways God pours His grace into Israel and the Church as we respond in faith, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Romans 9: 4, 5.

1 The first is **God's adoption of us as His children**, as we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, and seek to love, serve and obey Him by faith. Galatians 3:26 – 29, Galatians 4:5, 6, 7, Romans 8:15.

2 The second is **God's glory**, which is the revealed presence of God with us, as we live with, and for Jesus Christ by faith. Hebrews 13:5, 6, John 11:40, John 14:21, 22, 23, 24, 2Timothy 4:17:18, Acts 27:23, Acts 5:19.

3 The third are the **covenants of God**, such as the Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus. Genesis 17: 1 – 13, Galatians 3:16, 17, 18, Matthew 26:26 – 29, 1Corinthians 11:23, 24, 25, 26, Jeremiah 31:31 – 34, Hebrews 8:8 - 12. (There are other covenants such as: with Noah.)

4 The fourth is **God's Holy and Righteous Law**. For Israel, (that is those who have not believed in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord), for them, that consists of the whole of the Mosaic Law, which includes the moral law, the ceremonial law, (Ceremonies like Passover), and the civil law, (Laws governing the ordering of society). For the Church, this consists of the Law of Christ with all the commandments Jesus has given to us to obey. (The law of Christ includes the whole moral law of God. Matthew 5:17 – 19. The ceremonial law and the civil law of the Mosaic Law have been set aside by the Lord Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:14 – 16). Some of the commandments of Jesus include Matthew 5:17 – 19, Matthew chapters 5, 6, 7, Matthew 5:16, Matthew 7:12, Matthew 19:6, Matthew 22:37 – 40, John 14:15, John 14:21, 23, 1John 5:2, 3, 1Corinthians 7:19, 1Corinthians 9:21, Galatians 6:2, and there are many other commandments Jesus has given to us to obey. Through faith in His Promises, such as, Luke 9:23, Philippians 2:13, Hebrews 12:28, 13:20, 21, Galatians 2:20, Ezekiel 36:25 – 27, and by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we are able to walk in obedience to the commands of Christ. Romans 8:4, Philippians 2:13.

5 the fifth is the **service of God**. All of God's people are given gifts which enable them to serve God during their lifetime. Fatherhood and Motherhood are very precious gifts that enable us to raise a godly family to glorify God. The ability to work, earn a living and support a family and others, is a wonderful gift. Colossians 3:17 tells us to do all we do in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. The whole life of the believer is to be a life of service to God and an act of worship. In Israel there are acts of service to God through the Feasts, Synagogue worship, the Sabbaths, and caring for the poor, orphans, and widows. In the Church we also serve God through worship, praise, thanksgiving, witnessing to the lost, caring for the poor and needy, fellowship with other believers, teaching the Word of God, preaching the Gospel, and prayer and intercession, healing the sick, casting out demons, working of miracles. Hebrews 13:15, John 4:23, 24, Acts 1:8, Matthew 25:34 – 40, Hebrews 13:16, (in verse 16 the word communicate or share is the Greek koinonia or fellowship), 2Timothy 4:1 -5, Matthew 10:1 - 8, 1Timothy 2:1 – 4, Matthew 28:18 – 20, Mark 16:15 – 18.

6 The sixth is the **promises of God**. God has given to us many wonderful promises, which are exceedingly great and precious. 1Peter 1:4. By these promises we are able to become partakes of His Divine nature, having escaped the corruption of the world that comes through lust. All of God's promises are for His people to believe, to receive and to be blessed by. There are thousands of promises of God give in the Bible, God's Word. God is faithful, and as we believe what God has promised we will receive and be blessed. God is not a man that He should lie. What He has promised He will do, as we believe and receive the blessing. Numbers 23:19, Mark 11:24, Matthew 7:7 - 11, Matthew 21:22, Luke 11: 5 – 8, 9 - 13, John 15:7, John 14:12, 13, 14, John 16:23, 24.

7 The seventh is the **fathers of the faith**. For Israel they are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Exodus 3:6, 15, 16. For the Church they are the apostles and prophets, Jesus being the Chief Cornerstone. Ephesians 2:18 – 22.

8 The eighth is **Christ our Lord and Saviour**, who is over all, and is God blessed for ever. Ephesians 1:22, 23, Philippians 2:9 – 11, Matthew 28:18. He is Creator of all, upholder of all, and inheritor of all. Colossians 1:13 – 23. Our Saviour Jesus. Romans 11:36.