Blessed Of God
Eph. 1:3

Introduction:
A. “Blessed be the God ... who has blessed us...”
   1. “Blessed” and “blessings” from anglicized “eulogize or eulogy.
   2. Paul eulogized (praise) God for eulogizing (blessing) us with His eulogies (blessings).
B. We need reminding often that we are “blessed of God.”
   1. Good times — has “given us richly all things to enjoy.” (Cf. 1 Tim. 6:17).
   2. Hard times — has provided “help in time of need.” (Heb. 4:16)
C. We are blessed of God in two capacities.

Discussion:
I. As Human Beings.
      2. Basic necessities and beyond.
   B. With superiority over other creatures. (Heb. 2:6-8)
      1. Spirit.
      2. Intelligence.
      3. Language.
   C. With institutions and relationships for benefit and pleasure.
      1. Marriage.
      2. Government
   D. With the means of salvation (Tit. 2:11, 12).

II. As Christians.
   A. With being “in Christ”
      1. The realm of all spiritual blessings.
      2. Baptized into Christ—composing the church. (Gal. 3:26,27; 1 Cor. 12:13).
   B. With all the benefits (graces) of the redemptive work of Christ. (Ephesians)
      1. Adoption. (1:5).
      3. Redemption/forgiveness (1:7)
      4. Revelation/gospel of our salvation. (1:8-13).
      5. Unity/fellowship in and under Christ. (1:10; 2:16,17; 4:4; 1:22,23)
   C. With conditional promises for physical and mental well-being. (cf. Mt. 6:31-34; Phil. 4:7).

Conclusion:
A. All mankind may receive temporal blessings.
B. Only Christians receive spiritual blessings — “in Christ”.
C. Why not put on Christ today by obedience to the gospel?