

The Blessings of God

Physical provisions of all we *need*.

- The beauty, order, and design of the Universe and our world to show us God's power, Psalm 19:1-6; and to teach us about His goodness, Gen. 2:9; Rom.1:20.
- Food and shelter to show us God's concern and provision, Acts 14:16-17; and to teach us about gratitude and contentment, 1Tim.6:6-9; Heb.13:5.
- Families to show us love and joy, Matt.3:17; Eph.5:25-33; and to teach us about the ability to give and receive love and a sense of belonging, Luke 1:17,16; Eph.6:4; 1Pet.2:9.

Spiritual provisions of all we need.

- The Word to show us the paths sin and righteousness and their destinations, 2Pet.1:2-4; and to teach us about God's righteousness and justice, 1Tim.1:5-11; 2Tim.3:14-17.
- The salvation through Jesus Christ to show us God's love, Rom.5:6-11; and teach us mercy and grace, Jas.2:12-13.
- A soul that will live forever to show us that God is in each of us, Gen.2:7; and to teach us about what's really important, Matt.16:24-27.
- The capacity to change to show us God's forgiveness, Ezk.18:21-23; and to teach us hope, Rom.12:2; 2Cor.3:18.

Conclusion:

Finally, God gave us a church- *ordered* and *designed* by Him to *provide* us with the *physical* and *spiritual support* we need, to give us a sense of *spiritual family* and *belonging*, to use His *word* to teach us and the world of the *salvation* offered through *Jesus Christ*, and show the way to *capacity to change* that our *souls might live forever with Him*. Thanks be to God for His precious and magnificent blessings!