



Sunday January 09, 2022
How To Receive What God Has Provided (Part-1)

God Has Already Made Full Provision

Jesus Paid It All

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

The Cross of Jesus Christ is central to our faith. It is because of what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross, that we are saved and brought into a wonderful relationship with God. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was God's remedy for the Fall. In Christ redemptive work on the Cross and resurrection, God demonstrated His love, power, and wisdom, to provide a once-for-all solution to sin and its effects. The remedy was provided.

The punishment for our peace, our 'shalom', our total well-being was upon Jesus Christ. The redemption through Christ is the complete cure, and it has been provided. It is finished. The work has been done.

Everything Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross is already available to us. God has made the provision and it is given to us freely by His grace.

Here are some of the things that have been made available to us because Jesus paid for it already on the Cross, with just one or two representative verses of Scripture:

Forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2)

Eternal salvation (John 3:16)

Healing from all sickness (1 Peter 2:24)

Deliverance from satan's power (Colossians 1:13-14)

Redemption (Ephesians 1:7)

Freedom from the dominion of sin (Romans 6:6,14)

Shalom, which is total well-being (Isaiah 53:5)

Answered prayer (Hebrews 4:15-16; 10:19)

Authority and dominion over satan (Colossians 2:14)

The baptism in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 3:14)

The blessing of Abraham (Galatians 3:14)



The righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21)
All spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)

The list almost seems endless as we try to itemize every blessing or provision of grace God has made available to us through Jesus Christ. John put it like this: "*And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.*" (John 1:16), or as the Good News Bible renders this: "*Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another.*"

The Provision Has Been Made

The truth is we are not waiting on God to provide these things for us. Neither are we trying to earn any of these provisions based on our merit, good works, or some other qualification. Neither are we trying to convince God to give us these blessings. God has already made the provision before we can even ask and is waiting on us to receive what He has already provided. The apostle Paul reasons with us: "*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*" (Romans 8:32).

Look at a few verses of Scripture and note the past tense in them.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

God *has* blessed us. This is past tense. This is something He has already done. He has blessed us with *every* spiritual blessing. All blessings that He could possibly give, has already been given to us in the spiritual realms through our being in Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-4

**3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

Once again, God *has given to us*. We have already been bestowed with these. The verse states that *all things* that we need for life and godliness has already been made available to us through our knowing Jesus Christ. All we need to live holy, victorious, overcoming, fruitful lives has already been given to us.



1 Peter 2:24

who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Notice, this Scripture states that “you were healed”. Healing has already been accomplished. It is in the past tense. Something that has already taken place. If it was done, then it still remains done. If we were healed, then we are healed.

The word 'healed' in the Greek is '*iaomai*' and literally means to heal, cure, make whole. According to Strong's Concordance it is found a total of 28 times (Matthew 8:8,13; 13:15; 15:28; Mark 5:29; Luke 4:18; 5:17; 6:17,19; 7:7; 8:47; 9:2,11,42; 14:4; 17:15; 22:51; John 4:47; 5:13; 12:40; Acts 3:11; 9:34; 10:38; 28:8,27; Hebrews 12:13; James 5:16; 1 Peter 2:24). Out of these 23 are specifically and directly concerning physical healing or deliverance from demonic powers. Five references, 4 of which are quotations from Isaiah are used of spiritual or inner healing (Matthew 13:15; Luke 4:18; John 12:40; Acts 28:27; Hebrews 12:13). Hence, we state with absolute conviction based on Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17 and the 23 references in the New Testament, that 1 Peter 2:24 is referring to physical healing, and does include spiritual or inner healing – healing of the total person.

You were healed. Healing has already been provided for. We are not waiting on God to heal us. He has already provided healing for us.

We must receive a revelation of what God has already made available to us. Knowing what has already given to us is very important. The apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers to be granted the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that the eyes of their understanding being enlightened, they will know (receive spiritual knowledge, or revelation knowledge) of the Lord, of the purpose of His calling, of the rich inheritance He has for His people and of the greatness of His power available to believers (Ephesians 1:17-19).

God Provided It, So We Can Have It

You are already qualified to enjoy your inheritance (Colossians 1:13)

We must learn how to receive what God has already provided.



Before we proceed into learning how to receive what God has already provided, we would like to address two topics that often derail believers, because of a lack of proper understanding. So let's address these.

Grace Provisions Versus Work Rewards

We need to understand the difference between what God has freely provided for us through grace, and the rewards He gives us for our faithful work/service. For example, we sometimes hear people make a statement 'she/he was such a faithful servant of God, who served God so faithfully for so many decades. She/he deserved to be healed. Wonder why God did not heal her/him?'. While we do not in any way wish to discredit the faithfulness of the work/service of a servant of God, we must understand, that healing is not a reward for our works, but a free provision of grace. The servant of God who died, will surely receive their reward for their faithful service in heaven.

Grace provisions are given freely and must be received by faith. Salvation, healing, provision for our needs, all the blessings of God, all that was purchased through Calvary's cross are grace provisions.

Work rewards are earned through faithfulness in the work assigned to us. Our works will be tested to see of what sort it is. Works done by the Spirit aligned to the will of God will be rewarded with crowns when we stand before Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 Peter 5:4).

We often think God has to 'reward' our faithfulness of service with divine healing or provision for our needs or victory in life. These (divine healing, provision, victory) are not work rewards, but grace provisions. We cannot earn these. We do not deserve these. All of us must receive these by faith. These have already been provided for every believer through the completed work of Christ on the Cross. That is why we must learn how to receive what God has provided.

Faith And Responsibility

We must understand that God has placed responsibility on us in matters of this life. God put people responsible for this earth and gave us work to do (Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:15). Often, His provision is received through us fulfilling our God-given responsibility.

Consider the responsibility to work. We work. We work in faith. And as we go about doing what we are responsible for, God's provision comes into our lives. We cannot relinquish fulfilling our God-given responsibility and expect faith to do that for us.



Think about divine protection. We know we must live responsibly, while we do believe that God gives His angels charge over us to keep us. Heard of this true, and very sad incident, where a young couple, left their little child to run and play near the swimming pool, without attending to their child. The caretaker of the pool was very upset and warned the parents not to leave their child unattended. To this, they replied, 'oh no, the angels of God are watching over their child' and quoted Scripture. The next day, the child fell in and drowned in the pool. We cannot abdicate our God-given responsibility. God made parents responsible for their children, not angels. We must first fulfill our responsibility, and after having done what we are supposed to do, then over and above that, we extend faith in God and His Word. Faith and responsibility work hand in hand.

Think about this. Jesus instructed His disciples: "*When they persecute you in this city, flee to another.*" (Matthew 10:23). Did Jesus know Psalm 91? Surely, He did. He did not tell His disciples, that when people come to persecute them, just stay there and quote Psalm 91 and angels will protect them. Rather, they had to take responsibility for their lives and do what they could do to preserve their own lives. And, in addition to this, believe God for protection.

God expects us to use the knowledge and resources available to us. This is our responsibility. Once we have fulfilled our responsibility any thing beyond that, we extend faith for. That is why we are not against medical science and using what is available to us medically to help people get well. God has made this available to us, and we must use what is available to us. And we also extend faith in God and His Word. Faith and responsibility are not opposite to each other. We honor God by fulfilling our responsibility. We also honor God by walking by faith in God and His Word. Both are important.

Abraham Received From God

The New Testament points to Abraham as an example of a life of faith. Abraham is referred to as "*the father of all those who believe*" (Romans 4:11). Those who believe are to "*walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had*" (Romans 4:12). Hence it is good to take a close look at how Abraham walked in faith.

Romans 4:11-12

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,



12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

We are called to walk in the steps of the faith of Abraham.

Romans 4:17-21

17 (as it is written, "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;
18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

We can summarize the key steps in Abraham's journey of faith, as follows:

BELIEVE GOD

#1, Abraham Believed God

Romans 4:17

(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Abraham believed God. He believed that God gives life to the dead. He believed that God calls those things that do not exist into being. This is so important. We must know who we believe. We must know our God, how great He is. We must know that He is Creator God. We must know that nothing is impossible to Him.

We Believe God And His Word

John 17:17b

...Your word is truth.

Faith Is The Title Deed

Hebrews 11:1



Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is a noun, believe is a verb. Both come from the same root word in Greek.

We Believe With The Heart

Believe That You Have Received

Mark 11:24

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

SALVATION CALL

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Take turns to read the following Scripture references: *Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3; Romans 4:17-21; Mark 11:24*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, In the spiritual realm God has already provided all spiritual blessings? Reflect on this and how this changes our view of God, and our praying and asking God.

2, 'Believe that you receive' is what Jesus taught us in Mark 11:24. What is the basis for our believing or having faith in God? (see Romans 10:17; John 17:17b)



3, How can we 'believe that we receive', even when we do not 'have' as yet? Is this living in denial? How do we handle faith in the heart and the reasoning of our mind - our faith which is the 'evidence of things not seen', with the mind that cannot see or feel, what we believe that we have received?

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

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MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

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SERMON BRIEF

God promises to rise as the Sun of Righteousness over those who fear His name. This sermon inspires us and shows us what we can expect to happen in our lives as the light beams of the Sun of Righteousness breaks into our lives.

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