

Reflection on Last Sunday's Sermon >>> Preacher: Sis. Andrea Toussaint

Title: Pursue Your Spiritual Blessing >>>>>> **Text:** Ephesians 1:3-9

Introduction: What are you looking forward to or expecting for Christmas? There is something better or greater that we should seek after- pursue spiritual blessings. Blessing is the translation of the Greek word eulogy which means to speak well of. Blessing means that God has spoken good things about us or has pronounced good things for our benefit. Verse 3 of the passage speaks to Christians being blessed with every spiritual blessing.

Three observations can be noted:

1. The Source of our Spiritual Blessing: The source of our spiritual blessing is identified in the passage as God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, people attribute the source of their success to themselves; or to others: It is good to acknowledge these sources, however, there is a greater source, who is God.

Our God is the **creator**, of the universe, who made the environment with plants, animals and people. At the end of creation.

Our God is our **sustainer**, who made provisions for our needs including our physical, social and spiritual needs.

Our God is our **selector**, who according to verse 4, 'chose us in Him before the creation of the world.'

2. The Substance of our Spiritual Blessing: The blessing referred to in the passage is spiritual in nature, encapsulated in the love of Christ. The substance of the blessing includes:

Redemption through His blood (v.7). Redemption means to *buy back*. God who created us, had to buy us back from sin, with the blood of Jesus as the price.

Forgiveness of sins (v.7). This means that regardless of what we have done, God can forgive us, of not some but all our sins.

Grace (v.6) Grace is favour which we do not deserve. God has redeemed and forgiven us because of his grace which he has lavished on us. We can therefore extend this grace to people who have hurt us.

Wisdom and understanding (v.8). God gives special insight to deal with some situations. Situations in which we cannot explain our actions but we know we were led by God.

Sonship (v.5) Sonship signifies close relationship which gives us access to approach God without an appointment and status which gives us privileges in Christ.

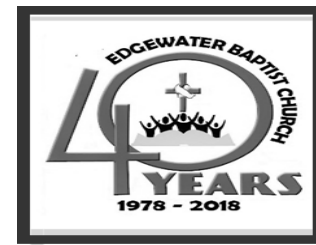
3. The Signs of our Spiritual Blessing: Signs are manifestations of what is happening on the inside. There are also signs associated with spiritual blessings which include:

Worship (v.3) When we think of the blessings of God, we cannot but worship because we recognize the source of our blessings.

Holiness (v.5) To be holy means to be set apart. God expects that having benefitted from his spiritual blessings, we would respond by living lives which are holy and acceptable to Him*(1 Corinthians 6:20) Holiness influences what we think, do and say.

Blamelessness (v.5) To be blameless does not mean that as Christian we are perfect but we are continually becoming blameless once we confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness.

We tend to pray for material blessings, however, let us pursue, spiritual blessing. They are more lasting and fulfilling. Let us remember the source and the substance of spiritual blessings and seek to demonstrate the signs of worship, holiness and blamelessness.



EDGEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

Sunday, December 16, 2018

KNOWING CHRIST, MAKING HIM KNOWN
JBU Theme: Living in Partnership

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† **Today's Worship Service** † **10:00 AM**

Leader: Dea. Dr. Kirkland Anderson

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dylan Toussaint

Intercessors: Dea. Carmen Reid; Bro. Earl Higgins

Musicians: Dea. Derrick Ottey; Bro. Orlando Walford

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn: O Come, O Come Immanuel..... #144

Praise in Worship

Prayer of Adoration, Thanksgiving & Confession

Special Item: Vessels of Praise

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

Dedication of Infants

Welcome and Announcements: Sis. Lorna Hall-Turner — Church Secretary

Enrolment of Girls' Brigade

Offering

Act of Fellowship

Intercessory Prayer: Sis. Catherine Smith-Gayle

Selection: The Youth Choir

Sermon

Hymn/Chorus

Closing Hymn: Give Me Oil In My Lamp #530

Benediction

Best Wishes to all members and friends celebrating **Birthdays and / or Anniversaries this week.** May every lovely thing in life always come to you. **God Bless You ...**

Within the Church Family

Please remember to pray for the **Sick and Home-bound Members**; visit or telephone them. You may call the office for information.

Prayer Focus For:

- Peace and Goodwill among mankind
- Salvation for the unsaved
- The homeless and street people



~~~ **WELCOME** ~~~  
We praise God and give Him thanks for the opportunities He has given us to come into His House and worship Him. A warm welcome to all our visitors, members, friends & children worshipping with us today, especially our first time visitors. We thank you for coming and if you do not have a Church-home, we invite you to be a part of our fellowship here at **Edgewater Baptist Church.**

**THE CHURCH DIARY**

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| <b>Sundays</b>                 | 8:30 a.m. Family Bible Hour<br>New Members' and Enquirers' Class<br>10:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service<br>1:00 p.m. Dance Group Practice<br>7:00 p.m. Evening Service |
| <b>Sundays (2nd)</b>           | (after worship) Healing & Counselling Clinic<br>(after worship) Women's Federation                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesdays (3rd)</b>          | 7:30 p.m. Care Ministry Meeting                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>              | 10:00 a.m. Prayer and Fasting<br>7:30 p.m. Bible Study                                                                                                               |
| <b>Thursdays</b>               | 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Fridays</b>                 | 9:00 a.m. Prayer Hour                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Fridays</b>                 | 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Meeting                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Fridays (3rd)</b>           | 7:30 p.m. Ushers' Board Meeting                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Mondays (4th)</b>           | 7:00 p.m. Women's Federation                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Saturdays</b>               | 2:30 p.m. Family Bible Hour Choir Practice<br>4:30 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Brigades Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice<br>7:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice          |
| <b>Alternate 4th Saturdays</b> | 6:00 p.m. Couples Ministry Meeting                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Saturdays (2nd)</b>         | 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Ministry                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1st Saturdays</b>           | 6:30 p.m. Brotherhood Meeting                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2nd</b>                     | 5:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>3rd</b>                     | 6:30 p.m. Dorcas (Outreach) Ministry                                                                                                                                 |

**Happening; \*\* Announcement; \*\* Coming Events**

- **Portmore Baptist Fellowship Carol Service** - Today at 6:00 p.m. at the Portmore Mall Amphitheatre
- Please be advised that the **Church Office** will close at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018 and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.
- **Youth Fellowship Circuit Social** - December 28 at EBC at 7:00 p.m. Theme: *Express through Dress: Rejoice Jesus Bawn*
- **Christmas Morning Service** - December 25 at 6:00 a.m.
- **Watch Night Service** - December 31 at 10:00 p.m.

**Edgewater Baptist Church Brotherhood**

**"Victory Praise 2019"**

**Venue:** Cedar Grove Academy **Date:** Saturday, January 12, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. **Ticket Cost:** \$1,200 presold; \$1,500 at the gate

Guest Artistes: *Rondell Positive, Carey Sayles, Rhoda Isabella, Malachi, Vessels of Praise & More.*

**For Your Information**

- The **Garveymeade Class** has for sale, **2019 Daily Bread**. You may get your copy from any member of the Garveymeade Class. Cost \$350
- **YEAR-IN-REVIEW:** All Auxiliaries leaders are being asked to send pictures of your group's activities to [ebcyearinreview@gmail.com](mailto:ebcyearinreview@gmail.com). Please label the pictures with the activity, the name of the persons and the date. Bro. Rohan Jacques or Dea. Gladstone Leachman can be contacted for further details.
- Please remember to call in to the Church office or give the Church Secretary or Asst. Church Secretary your notices for the Bulletin, or any other information to be announced on Sunday, Thursday of each week. The Church Secretary's # 418-8509 (c); The Assistant Church Secretary's # 770-4477 (c). Thank you

**Attention**

The church is looking for someone to work as a **RELIEF CARETAKER**. Interested persons may contact the Property Manager, Bro. Hopeton Newton for further information; or leave names and contact information with the Office Secretary. Persons may also refer applicants for the position. Thanks for your attention.