

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING
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Deut 30:19 – Pastor Harlyn

Let's be the kind of people who bless other people.

Gen. 1:21-23 “So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

Gen. 1:27-28 “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

1. We live in a _____ creation.

You _____ blessing so you can _____ a blessing.

Deut. 30:11-14 “Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.”

Deut. 30:19 “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live.”

2. We embrace a _____ that touches every part of our lives.

Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

3. We are _____ of His presence.

John 20:21-22 “Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 10:8-9 “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Luke 11:29 “And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me.”

4. We bless when we _____ the good, true and beautiful in someone.

Jude 2 “Mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you.”

Luke 10:5 “Whatever house you enter, begin by saying, ‘Peace to this house.’

Numbers 6:22-27 “The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.’ ²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

LOOK IN:

1. How might your idea of “blessing” have been worn thin by more popular and less biblical ideas of blessing?
2. What might be keeping you from fully receiving and sharing the blessings of God?
3. Where in your life, right now, today, do you need the blessings of God to be made manifest?
4. Who do you know that needs to be blessed, and how might you be an agent of that blessing?