

Communion Meditation 10/31/10 **Benefits at the Resurrection, part 2**

Question 38: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

Answer 38 of the WSC: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

In the first part of the answer to Q 38, it says that, “believers, being raised up in glory, shall be **openly acknowledged** and **acquitted** in the day of judgment.” For all to hear, Your advocate, Jesus Christ, will openly acknowledge you and declare you acquitted, because you are His, He died for you, he paid for you.

The second part of the answer says that we will be “**made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity**”.

First of all, **we will be made perfectly blessed**. Now blessed often means happy, and I also think wrapped up in this is fullness of joy and wonder and awe and bliss. We will be perfectly at peace and blessed, far beyond just happiness.

We can see some of the blessings in the Sermon on the Mount in Mt 5, which Phil taught us about several months ago. We are beginning to know these blessings now, and will know them in their fullness at the resurrection.

3 “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**. “No rival kingdom. We will be with the King in glory, and with all members of the kingdom. We won’t be looking forward to the kingdom of heaven, or to its fullness—we will be there!

4 “Blessed *are* those who mourn, for they shall be **comforted**.” No more tears or suffering or pain or remorse for sin. At the resurrection, we will be fully comforted.

5 “Blessed *are* the meek, for they shall **inherit the earth**.” We will be living and working and creating, in the new heaven and new earth, an amazing place.

6 “Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they **shall be filled**.” We will be satisfied, content, complete, filled up with righteousness.

7 “Blessed *are* the merciful, for they **shall obtain mercy**.” We will praise the Lord for the fullness of His mercy, and understand it fully.

8 “Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they **shall see God**.” With our eyes, like Job said, we will behold our Lord. And we shall know Him in ways we don’t know now.

9 “Blessed *are* the peacemakers, for they shall be **called sons of God.**” We will be openly acknowledged as sons of God, as his adopted children.

10 “Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.**” Again, we will be in the true kingdom, the eternal one; our eternal home.

11 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **12** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for **great is your reward in heaven,** for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

So at the resurrection, we will receive rewards, and be able to use them for, and offer them to, our King.

In our glorified state, we will be fully satisfied, thankful, and joyful – perfectly blessed.

And we will be perfectly blessed **in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

We are able to begin enjoying the Lord now, but not fully, because our sin and our flesh still hinders us, the enemy hinders us, and the world hinders us. But at the resurrection, we will be unhindered in our enjoyment of Him, who is our great reward, our inheritance.

When we come to the table of the Lord, we are beginning to taste the blessings we will know fully at the resurrection:

we are beginning to experience the blessings of being united with Christ,
we are beginning to experience the marriage supper of the Lamb,
we are beginning to experience the fullness of enjoying God, knowing that it will be for all eternity.

God of glory, we long for the day when we will be perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of You for all eternity. Help us to be kingdom-minded people until then, and to rejoice even now that we will be with you, in the place you are preparing for us. Forgive us for being too enamored with the world as it is now. Give us eyes to see what we will have, what is kept in heaven for us. We joyfully come now to the table of the Lord to give thanks for our great hope, and to praise the One who died and rose again for us, our Lord Jesus Christ.