

8. **All Spiritual Blessings** They are found (Eph 1:3) in “\_\_\_\_\_ places.” Note that the word “places” is italicized, therefore supplied to compliment our English, since there was no comparable word to be translated from the GK. We know we are (Gal 3:27) “*baptized into Christ*,” therefore spiritual blessings are accorded those who “*have \_\_\_\_\_ Christ*.” What is the difference between “physical” blessings and “spiritual” blessings? Does it relate solely to the nature of the blessing itself, or does it have to do with the state of the person receiving the blessing? What use would a non-Christian have for spiritual blessings? Only Christians, in the church, possess them.
9. **Material Blessings** In the natural (ie: physical) realm (Mt 5:45), “*he maketh his \_\_\_\_\_ to rise on the \_\_\_\_\_ and on the \_\_\_\_\_, and sendeth \_\_\_\_\_ on the just and on the unjust*.” Obviously all men have access to, and benefit of, material blessings. The Christian and the non-Christian alike are subject to natural happenings, good and bad.
10. **When One Is Baptized** This changes his relationship to God from the status of alien sinner to child of God. If **all** spiritual blessings are (a) in heavenly places, (b) in Christ, are any outside of Christ? \_\_\_\_ Are there any “*heavenly places*” other than where Christ resides, works, inhabits, or blesses? \_\_\_\_ The baptized believer is “in Christ” so he is spiritually blessed. The non-Christian is outside of Christ and he is not spiritually blessed. Christians (1 Pet 2:5) are “*to offer up \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ*.”
11. **Christian Fellowship** (Col 1:18) “*And he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body, the \_\_\_\_\_.*” (1 Cor 12:13) “*For by one Spirit are we all \_\_\_\_\_ into one \_\_\_\_\_, whether we be Jews or Gentiles*.” All Christians are in the “*body of Christ*” so only Christians share Christian fellowship.

### SUMMATION

The PURPOSE of baptism is quite different from the BENEFITS of baptism. We have listed some of the BENEFITS and admit that the list can be enlarged and/or amended with sub-categories. In the “Circle The Best Answer” segment (below) you will be given some choices that you need to consider with care. Remember: **PURPOSE** = REMISSION OF SINS (ie: Conversion). **BENEFITS** = MEANS TO SANCTIFICATION (ie: aids to staying “set apart” from sin).

### Read All Choices And Circle The Best Answer

12. Nicodemus? **Siberian ambassador** **Jewish ruler** **likeable Kurd** **member at Ephesus**
13. Jesus said? **flesh is flesh** **the unwise are prepared** **I am ready to be offered** **All is lost**
14. The New Birth? **spirit & water** **water & wine** **water & spirit** **flesh & spirit**
15. “Led by the Spirit of God”? **Romans** **Galatians** **John** **Ephesians**
16. Sons of God? **irreproachable** **irresponsible** **heirs** **testators**
17. “Our Father which art in heaven”? **to Galatians** **to 120** **to disciples** **to Nicodemus**
18. Purpose of baptism? **sonship** **spiritual blessings** **church membership** **remission of sins**
19. A benefit of baptism? **church membership** **physical blessings** **a guarantee of heaven**
20. In Sermon on Mt? **sun & rain** **harpers & harps** **ganders & geese** **mercy & truancy**
21. 1 Cor 12? **baptized into death** **baptized one body** **baptized into Christ** **baptized thrice**
22. Spiritual blessing? **cask of wine** **a godly neighbor** **in Christ** **in heathen places**
23. Eph 5:20? **unto God and the Father** **giving thanks always** **for all things** **all of these**
24. Baptism has? **no clear imperative** **benefits** **some admirable facets** **no detractors**
25. Non-Christians? **spiritual blessings** **another way** **like as by fire** **materially blessed**