

A STUDY OF THE **PROVISION** OF GOD IN CHRIST AND THE LIFE OF **FAITH**

I. THREE FOLD NATURE OF OUR SALVATION

- A. **Justification** Restoration of a perfect standing with God
 - 1. Declared right before God
 - 2. Complete, perfect, and eternal
- B. **Glorification** Perfect experience of fellowship with God
 - 1. Comes after death
 - 2. Forms the ground of our hope on earth
- C. **Sanctification** The progressive experience of becoming more like the Lord
 - 1. Our present experience
 - 2. Comes from a perfect salvation
 - 3. Imperfect in experience

II. PERFECTION OF OUR SALVATION

- A. And in Him you have been made complete. Colossians 2:10
 - 1. Everything we need for an experience of life is in Christ.
 - 2. Nothing else is needed.
- B. 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. Ephesians 1:3

- 1. Every possible blessing of God is given to us.
- 2. All of them are "in Christ."
- C. Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord: seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:2-3
 - 1. In knowing Christ, we have everything for life.
 - 2. Everything for godliness.
- D. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13
- E. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed. 2 Corinthians 9:8

III. BREADTH OF THE "ALL SUFFICIENCY IN EVERYTHING"

- A. Difficulties of life in general
 - 1. General need
 - 2. Self-generated need
- B. Difficulties of inward sin
- C. Difficulties of culture
- D. Difficulties of spiritual darkness
- E. Goal is that we should live lives beneficial to others

IV. FIRST STEP OF FAITH IN MAKING THIS A REALITY - REJOICING