

# **THE GIFTS OF GOD THAT SET US ON THE WAY**

## **our spiritual context:**

(as those who are fallen, yet regenerate & redeemed)

### **- the kingdom of the Son**

(the liberating & life-giving realm of Jesus' Lordship)

being baptized, we receive the covenant-sign of:

## **SALVATION IN CHRIST**

### **\* *the action of God's grace***

enjoying the 'new covenant' gifts of:

#### **1) FORGIVENESS, CLEANSING & JUSTIFICATION**

receivers of a NEW LIBERTY

now able to say: **'my sins are gone—the Father has  
declared me “not guilty” forever!'**

*# released from our damning debt, our entire being purified, &  
given the Son's own righteousness in the Father's presence*

#### **2) ADOPTION & (immediate) SANCTIFICATION**

receivers of a NEW IDENTITY

now able to say: **'I am a child of God—the Father has  
forever set me apart to Himself & His purpose!'**

*# made one with the Son in His personal status as Dearly-loved  
Heir, & in His vocational status as Prophet, Priest & King*

receivers of a NEW SECURITY (& serenity)

now able to say: **'I have a sovereign Father—at work!'**

*# made to be as secure as the Son in His Father's purpose*

#### **3) THE HOLY SPIRIT & ('lived-out') SANCTIFICATION**

receivers of a NEW CAPACITY

now able to say: **'the Son is in me!'**

*# each day able to actively participate in His righteousness: His  
joyous communion with the Father & His love for every person*

#### **4) THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE & GLORIFICATION**

receivers of a NEW DESTINY

now able to say: **'I have a great inheritance to come!'**

*# eagerly anticipating the ultimate freedom of an uncontested,  
visible & perfect participation in the Son's glorified humanity*