

Study 8
**THE GIFTS OF GOD
THAT SET US ON THE WAY**

our spiritual environment:

(as those who are fallen, but also regenerate & redeemed)

- the kingdom of the Son—the realm of light

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

being baptized, we receive the covenant sign of:

SALVATION IN CHRIST

*** the unmerited, lavishly-abundant action of God's grace**
enjoying the transforming WONDER of the 'new covenant' gifts of:

FORGIVENESS, CLEANSING & JUSTIFICATION

receivers of a NEW LIBERTY (to do with CONSCIENCE)

now able to say: **'my sins are gone & I've been declared
to be both "not guilty" & "righteous in the Son"!**

*# released & purified; & also acquitted & declared to be one with
Jesus in His moral status as the Righteous One: awesomely
'credited' with His own righteousness in His Father's presence*

ADOPTION & (immediate) SANCTIFICATION

receivers of a NEW IDENTITY (to do with PERSONHOOD)

now able to say: **'I am a child of God—a saint (a holy
one), forever set apart to the Father & His purpose!'**

*# made to be one with Jesus in His personal status as Beloved
Son & Heir, & in His vocational status as Priest, Prophet & King*

receivers of a NEW SERENITY (to do with CIRCUMSTANCES)

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

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT & (progressive) SANCTIFICATION

receivers of a NEW CAPACITY (to do with PERSONAL FULLNESS)

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

*# our moral, personal & vocational status being 'wisely lived-out'
as we participate in the dynamic outflowing of His righteousness:
His pure-hearted, joyous communion with His Father & His love
for all others—His priestly heart, prophetic mind & kingly action*

THE HOLY HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE & GLORIFICATION

receivers of a NEW DESTINY (to do with ETERNITY)

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

*# eagerly anticipating the blessedness of a visible, uncontested
& perfect participation in the Son's glorified humanity, forever!*