

understanding of God's word, God's ways, and God's Son. Oh, the wonder of the *peace* of Christ.

The CLOUDS of Heaven Open Up!

"Prove me now . . . saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing."⁶ Your heavenly Father now hears every prayer you make because you are blood-bought and belong to Him. He invites you to come near to His heavenly throne and talk. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"⁷ **Oh, the wonder of *communion* with Christ.**

The CITY of God Awaits You!

God has something special in store for you further down the road of life: "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."⁸ Christ has prepared a place for you, and He can't wait to show it to you and to be with you. **Oh, the wonder of the *heavenly city* of Christ.**

Scripture References: (1) John 3:8 (2) John 14:16 (3) John 8:36 (4) John 12:26 (5) John 14:27 (6) Jeremiah 33:3 (7) Hebrews 4:16 (8) 1 Peter 1:4

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The CHILD of God is Born!

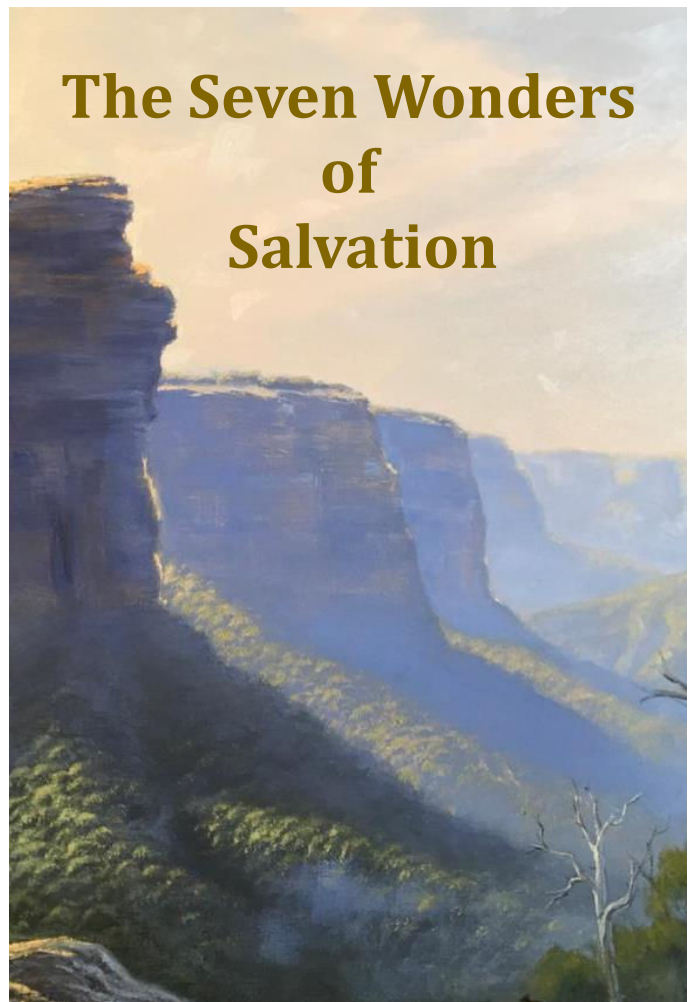
All things become new when a repentant sinner calls on the Lord Jesus for salvation. Being religious will never save you. Why? Because Christ alone is Saviour. Only He can give you spiritual and eternal life. He will do this when you humbly ask for it in prayer. At that moment in time you enter into a living relationship with Him, and so does "every one that is born of the Spirit."¹ Salvation is a once-in-a-lifetime event, but it is also an ongoing wonder over the span of your life. Salvation is an experience that never grows old. **Oh, the wonder of *new life* in Christ.**

The COMFORT of the Spirit Moves In!

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."² The Holy Spirit enters your heart at the moment of your new birth. He wants to daily lead, guide, and direct you, as well as to daily comfort you as you go about your journey through this wilderness life. Because this world is so strange and cold, the indwelling presence of Christ makes it bearable and enjoyable if you follow His path. **Oh, the wonder of the *indwelling Spirit* of Christ.**

The CHAINS of Sin are Broken!

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."³ Salvation is not only about saving you from the penalty of sin (hell), but also the power of sin (habit). The moment you call on Christ for



salvation the chains of your bondage to sin become forever broken. You immediately become set free from sin's grip and controlling power. This does not mean you will never sin again. You will, but not as often and as overt as before you became born-again. Christ's daily, needful, inner work is to make you aware of any sins you might idly commit and convince you to say you're sorry and then turn from them. **Oh, the wonder of *freedom* in Christ.**

The CAPTIVITY to Christ Begins!

The new believer is now to become a faithful servant. You have a new Master, even the One who paid the great ransom price for your soul. You are free to serve Christ, not forced. Your new desire is to submit to His love bonds. "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."⁴ **Oh, the wonder of *service* to Christ.**

The CLAMOR of the World Fades Away!

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."⁵ As a lost sinner, you once only had eyes and ears for this busy world with all of its seductive and vain attractions. But now, your born-again soul finds this world a disillusioning place. Christ's abiding peace now allows you to tune out its unsettling distractions. You have a new fascination, that of gaining a greater