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Pass The Blessing Please

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"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "**You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.**" (Mark 1:9-11 NIV)

Who Tells You Who You Are?

Does **culture** tell you who you are?

"His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel. And he was head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land!" (1 Sam 9:2)

Do your **critics** tell you who you are?

"And the servants of Achish said unto him, 'Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his **thousands**, and David his ten **thousands**?' " (1 Sam 21:11)

Do your **can'ts** tell you who you are?

Do your **competitors** tell you who you are?

3 Benefits Of The Blessing

The blessing establishes **identity**; "This is my Son, . . ."

The blessing endows **power**; "whom I love; . . ."

The blessing ensures **success**; "with him I am well pleased."

"My nourishment comes from doing the will of God who sent me, and from finishing his work." (John 4:34, TLB)

The 3 Affirmations Of The Blessed

I am who God says I am.

I have what God says I have.

I can do what God says I can do.

"I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." (Philippians 4:11-12 MSG)

8 Ways To Pass On The Blessing

With a **word**.

With a **name**.

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mat 1:21 NIV)

With a **touch**.

With a **token**.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a **white stone** with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it." (Rev 2:17 NIV)

With a **symbol**.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be **blessed** if you do them." (John 13:15-17, NIV)

With a **ceremony**.

"In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'" (1 Cor 11:25 NIV)

With a **celebration**.

With their **example**.

"Follow my **example**, as I follow the **example** of Christ. I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you." (1 Cor 11:1-2, NIV)