



"Marks of the Believer's Birthright" (Part 4)

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1 Peter 3:10



8 Finally, in everything be of one mind, sympathetic, brotherly love, tenderhearted, humble. **9** Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but on the other hand, giving a blessing; for you have been called for this purpose: so that you might inherit a blessing. **10** For,

HE WHO WISHES TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. **11** AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK

PEACE AND PURSUE IT. **12** FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS AND HIS EARS [OPEN] TO THEIR PRAYER. BUT HIS FACE IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.

– 1 Peter 3:8-12, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction: Colossians chapter three . . .

I. Marks of the Believer's Birthright (vv. 8-12)

Partakers of grace give evidence of grace.
Graced people are gracious people.

A. The Mark of Love: *How do I Act Toward Friends?* (8)

1. Two Priorities: Love and Truth (3 John 1-6)

B. The Mark of Forgiveness: *How do I Act Toward Foes?* (9a)

1. The parallel to Colossians 3:13

C. The Mark of God's Call: *What is my Desire?* (9b)

1. Calling and blessing are directly connected

D. The Mark of Repentance: *What is my Direction?* (9b)

1. The passage that Peter quotes is Psalm 34:12-15

a. Historical background

The superscription of the Psalm says that it refers to the time when David feigned madness in the court of Abimelech. Background is found in 1 Samuel 21.

b. The story of David arriving in Gath (1 Samuel 21)

(1) Why might have David fled to Gath?

(2) What did David do in order to escape with his life?

c. Psalm 34: temporal vs. eternal blessings?

2. Peter takes what was a question in Psalm 34 and turns it into a statement

a. What "life" and what "good days?"

b. The believer's life is teleological

3. James 3 on the tongue

Conclusion: