



## "Marks of the Believer's Birthright" (Part 2)

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### 1 Peter 3:9a



**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:

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

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

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

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

1. A Negative: *Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult . . .*

2. A Positive: . . . *but on the other hand, giving a blessing . . .*

3. Answering the question, "How can I do this?"

a. \_\_\_\_\_ God's great Mercy

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Humility and Empathy

c. \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of others

d. \_\_\_\_\_ on a heart of unconditional love

e. \_\_\_\_\_ for your adversaries

f. \_\_\_\_\_ the purpose of your calling

**Conclusion:**