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**Achievement #26** - At the moment of salvation, a believer has an inheritance in heaven.

Every believer is guaranteed some type of inheritance in heaven (I Pet. 1:4). In fact, the Apostle Paul is clear to point out that every believer has received a deposit of the Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee that the heavenly inheritance is secure (Eph. 1:4). This inheritance is guaranteed for every believer and depending on what a believer accomplishes in life on earth for the glory of God, this inheritance is the potential basis for great rewards (Col. 3:23-24; II Pet. 1:4-11).

**Achievement #27** - At the moment of salvation, a believer has an inheritance in Christ.

Paul prayed that every believer would come to understand the wealth of inheritance one has in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:17-19). At the moment one believes in Jesus Christ, one actually receives Christ, Himself. One inherits everything connected to Him in this relationship. This opens up a tremendous door to eternal blessings.

**Achievement #28** - At the moment of salvation, a believer becomes the light of God.

The Apostle Paul reveals that when one believes on Jesus Christ, he becomes the light of God. In fact, in Ephesians 5:8-9, Paul makes it clear that one was formerly in darkness, but is instantly brought into the light.

God Himself is light (I John 1:5). When He saves a sinner, that believer becomes one who reflects His light in this dark world. This is why it is critical that the believer learns to walk in light because the more the believer does that, the more light is reflected (I John 1:5-7). A critical key to reflecting light is walking in the light of the Scriptures and staying close to the word of God (Psalm 119:105).

**Achievement #29** - At the moment of salvation, a believer is vitally linked to the Trinity.

At the moment of salvation, there is a real link for every believer to the Trinity. Every believer is in God the Father and God the Father is in every believer (I Thess. 1:1; Eph. 4:6). Every believer is in God the Son and God the Son is in every believer (Rom. 8:1; John 14:20). Every believer is in God the Spirit and God the Spirit is in every believer (Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 2:12).

This vital link and relationship with the Trinity was not realized by O.T. believers. This is a very special relationship that only exists with N.T. believers who are saved in this dispensation of Grace.

**Achievement #30** - At the moment of salvation, a believer receives the Holy Spirit.

Every believer in Jesus Christ receives the deposit of the Holy Spirit, who is the down payment that guarantees greater, eternal, heavenly blessings (II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14). Every believer is born of the Spirit (John 3:6). The Spirit is the Person who actually brought the believer to saving faith.

- 1) Every believer is **baptized with the Spirit (I Cor. 12:13)**. The Spirit is the Person who joins the believer and identifies the believer with Christ's body and all that He is.
- 2) Every believer is **anointed with the Spirit (John 7:39; 14:17; Rom. 5:5; 8:9; II Cor. 1:21; Gal. 4:6; I John 2:27; 3:24)**. The Spirit is the Person who enables us to serve God and to be victorious in every conflict.
- 3) Every believer is **sealed by the Spirit (II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 4:30)**. The Spirit is the Person who guarantees that we are secure until the day of redemption.
- 4) Every believer has the potential to be **filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)**. The Spirit is the Person who enables the believer to be a powerful and effective witness and minister for God.

Receiving the Holy Spirit is an amazing achievement of grace.

**Achievement #31** - At the moment of salvation, a believer is glorified.

Paul himself thought about this achievement of grace when he wrote Romans 8:30. The fact that a believer is already glorified and will someday share in the glory of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:4) ought to motivate every believer to stand focused on God and His word and to remain faithful no matter what the hardship (Rom. 8:18).

**Achievement #32** - At the moment of salvation, a believer is complete.

At the moment of salvation, a believer cannot be more or less a believer. At the moment of salvation, the believer stands complete in his or her relationship with God (Col. 2:9-10).

One may reflect the fact that he is a believer, more or less, but he cannot be more or less of a believer because at the moment he believes he is complete in his relationship with God.

**Achievement #33** - At the moment of salvation, a believer possesses every spiritual blessing.

This truth really sums up all of the benefits of being saved by grace (Eph. 1:3).

Frankly, even though we have attempted to pinpoint the great achievements of the grace package, the truth is it is impossible to fully grasp all of the positional and possessional realities that occur the moment one believes.

Dr. John Walvoord said, "As all these blessings indicate, salvation is a work of God for man, not a work of man for God. ... The truth of the riches of divine grace is almost overwhelming, and it is difficult to give it proper recognition. Those who preach the Gospel, however, must make clear how abundant are the riches believers have in Christ when they place their faith in Him" (*Chafer Systematic Edited Theology*, Vol. 2, p. 148).

When we consider the 33 divine achievements, the message is clearer - "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).