

## **MAKARIOS** (Strong's #3107 - *mak-ar'-ee-os*) Eph. 1:3

*Makarios* (means blessed in classical Greek); it means to be transported into the presence of the gods; into a life of happiness beyond care, labor and death.

❖ **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS GOD IS THE SOURCE OF *MAKARIOS* BECAUSE IT IS INHERENT TO HIM. WHEN WE ARE IN CHRIST, WE ARE *IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD*.**

*1 Tim 1:11-12* according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted. (12) I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service;

*1 Tim 6:14-15* that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (15) which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords;

There are no parallels of the above usage in the entire N.T. God is the fountainhead of *makarios*.

❖ **IF WE ARE TO RECEIVE BLESSINGS, THEY WILL COME FROM JESUS AND IN THE MOST UNUSUAL FASHION.**

*Luke 11:27-28* And it came about while He said these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice, and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed." (28) But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it."

*Matt 5:11-12* "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. (12) "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Luke 6:22-23* "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. (23) "Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.

*Luke 6:27-28* "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless (eulogeo) those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

❖ ***MAKARIOS* THROUGH FORGIVENESS.**

*Rom 4:5-9* But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness, (6) just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: (7) "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. (8) "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT." (9) Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." "We no longer lurk in shame of conscious nakedness, and hide ourselves from His presence (as did Adam and Eve), but rejoicing in the righteousness of Christ, leap up gladly to meet Him, and look upon His face." AC

❖ ***MAKARIOS* IS THE EQUIVALENT OF HAVING GOD'S KINGDOM WITHIN OUR HEARTS.**

*Matt 5:3* "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matt 5:10* "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

❖ **MAKARIOS ARE THOSE WHO SEE THE UNSEEN.**

*John 20:29* Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

❖ **STAND FAST IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MORE BLESSINGS.**

*James 1:12* Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

*James 1:25* But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

❖ **FINAL BLESSINGS.**

*Gal 4:15* Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

*Rev 14:13* And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."