

Easter 2011

“The Benefits Package”

What Benefits Are Available to Me through Christ’s Resurrection?

1. A supernatural confidence for dealing with life’s uncertainties.

- **1 Pet. 1:3-4a:** *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.”*

2. A supernatural camouflage protecting me from my enemies.

- **1 Pet. 1:4b-5:** *“This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”*

3. A supernatural contentment during difficult, defeating circumstances.

- **1 Pet. 1:6-7:** *“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”*

4. A supernatural contagiousness while awaiting the unseen reality of eternity.

- **1 Pet. 1:8-9:** *“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*