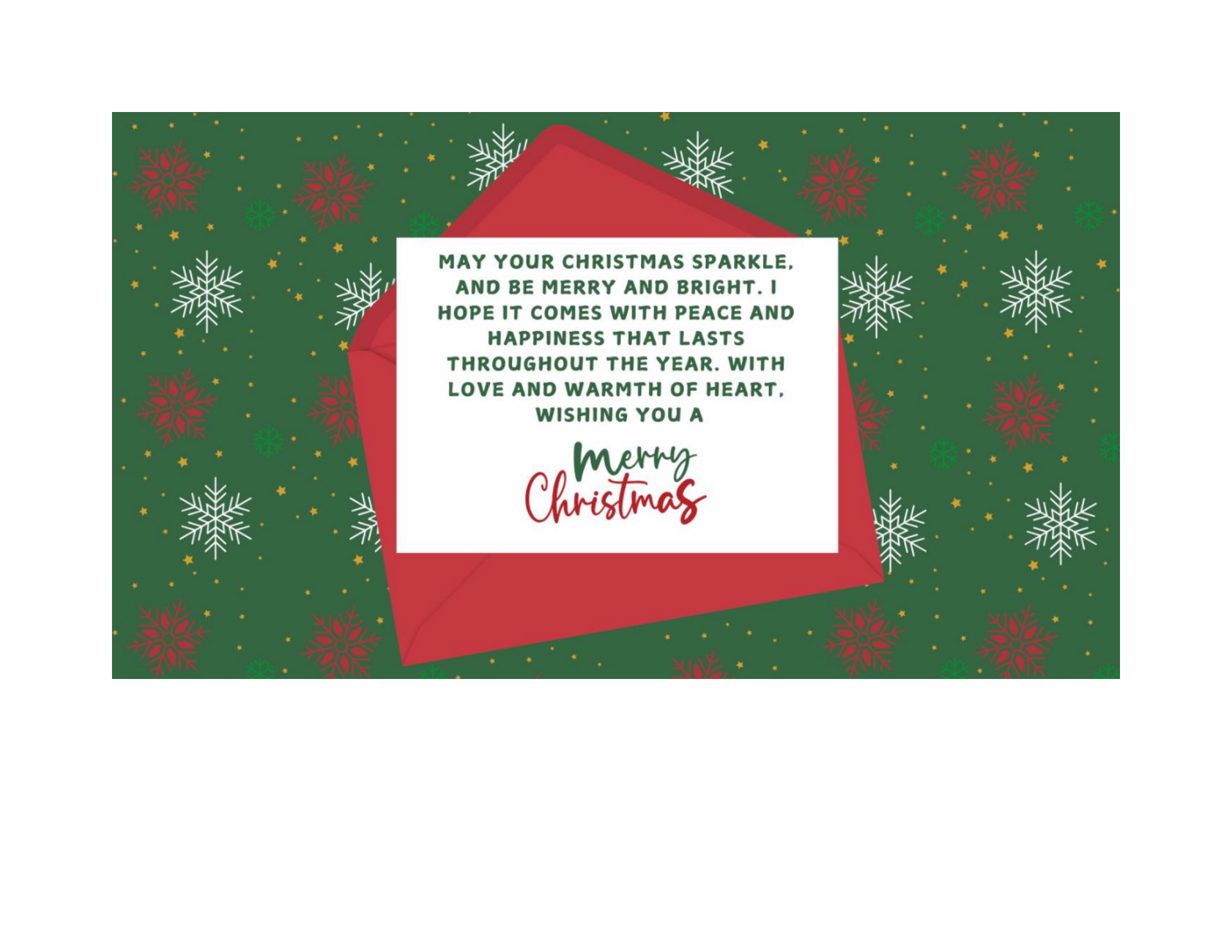


HAVE YOURSELF A
BLESSED LITTLE CHRISTMAS




BEATITUDES IN THE PSALMS



MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS SPARKLE,
AND BE MERRY AND BRIGHT. I
HOPE IT COMES WITH PEACE AND
HAPPINESS THAT LASTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WITH
LOVE AND WARMTH OF HEART,
WISHING YOU A

*Merry
Christmas*



I DON'T WANT MUCH
FOR CHRISTMAS. I JUST
WANT THE PERSON
READING THIS TO BE
LOVED, HEALTHY,
AND HAPPY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



WISHING YOU ALL THE HAPPINESS
YOU CAN HOLD! I HOPE THE LOVE OF
YOUR FAMILY KEEPS YOU WARM ON
THESE COLD WINTER NIGHTS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!





**TO THE MOST
WONDERFUL FAMILY IN
THE WORLD. I WISH YOU
A GREAT CHRISTMAS
FILLED WITH LOVE, JOY,
AND HAPPINESS.**



Merry Christmas

THE GIFT OF HAPPINESS. THE
GIFT OF LOVE. THE GIFT OF
HEALTH. MAY ALL OF THESE
BE YOURS AT CHRISTMAS
AND THROUGHOUT THE
YEARS TO COME.

A blessing is simply
to wish good upon someone.

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Blessed are the meek.

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness.

Blessed are the merciful.

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Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake.

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12 Drummers drumming = the twelve points
of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

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“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5

_____ is the Lord.

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from **everlasting** to **everlasting**!
Amen and **Amen.**”

Psalms 41:13

“Blessed be his glorious name **forever**;
may the whole earth be filled with his
glory! **Amen** and **Amen!**”

Psalm 72:19

“Blessed be the LORD forever! **Amen** and
Amen.”

Psalm 89:52

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from **everlasting** to **everlasting**! And let all
the people say, ‘**Amen!**’ **Praise the LORD!**”

Psalm 106:48

**“Blessed be the name of the LORD from
this time forth and forevermore!”**

Psalm 113:2

God is infinitely and inherently **blessed**!

“God is infinite in relation to himself. We can call this God’s absolute perfection. All that God has he is, and all that God is he is ad infinitum.”

Kevin DeYoung

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God's state of blessing comes from being God.

- inherently blessed
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God is blessed to infinity and beyond.

“because they [humanity] exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, **who is blessed forever! Amen.**”

Romans 1:25

“To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, **who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.**”

Romans 9:5

“The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, **he who is blessed forever.**”

2 Corinthians 11:31

God is infinitely and inherently blessed.

How do I gain access to God's blessing?

- I must recognize how I am **different** from God.

“As it is written:

‘None is righteous, no, not one;
no one understands;
no one seeks for God.’

“All have turned aside; together they have
become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.’

“‘Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.
The venom of asps is under their lips.
Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.’

““Their feet are swift to shed blood;
in their paths are ruin and misery,
and the way of peace they have not known.
There is no fear of God before their eyes.””

Romans 3:10-18

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

“to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Peter 1:3-5

What does God do when I have access
to his blessing?

- God **actively blesses** his people!

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“Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard
the voice of my pleas for mercy.”

Psalm 28:6

“Blessed be the LORD, for he has
wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.”

Psalm 31:21

“Blessed be God, because he has not
rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast love from me!”

Psalm 66:20

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us
up; God is our salvation.”

Psalm 68:19

“Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel — he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!”

Psalm 68:35

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.”

Psalm 72:18

“Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!”

Psalms 119:12

“Blessed be the LORD, who has not given
us as prey to their teeth!”

Psalms 124:6

“Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge.”

Psalm 144:1-2

What should be our response to God
because of his blessing?

- **We bless** the God who blesses!

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- People bless God by **recognition**.

“Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.”

Psalms 66:8

“Bless God in the great congregation, the
LORD, O you who are of Israel’s fountain!”

Psalm 68:26

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

“who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Psalm 103:1-5

“Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you
mighty ones who do his word, obeying the
voice of his word!

“Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers,
who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his
works, in all places of his dominion. Bless
the LORD, O my soul!”

Psalm 103:20-22

“Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

“He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.”

Psalm 104:1-4

“Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the
LORD!”

Psalm 104:35b

- **Refresh** our thinking about God.

“Tozer famously said, ‘What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us,’ because we become like our mental picture of God.

“For this reason, spiritual formation in the Way of Jesus begins with the healing of our false images of God ... because we become like who we believe God is.”

John Mark Comer

- Refresh our thinking about God.
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- **Return** blessing to God for his blessings.

Blessed be God

for he has _____.