

## *Biblical Benedictions from the New Testament: Equipped to Do His Will*

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### Scripture

- **Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Other Scriptures

- Hebrews 4:12
- Ezekiel 36:26
- Isaiah 1:18
- Matthew 26:28
- Philippians 1:6
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
- 2 Corinthians 1:8
- Matthew 7:14
- Ephesians 6:

### Main Points

- Biblical benedictions represent God's blessing over the lives of His beloved ones.
- Benediction Definition:
  - A blessing bestowed by God on His people.
  - Often take place at the end of one of the New Testament books
  - Sometimes used to end traditional worship services
- The blood of Jesus is the seal of God's covenant with His people.
- We will get depleted if we don't depend on God.
- God is equipping us to do His will.
- If you depend on God, you will not fail.
- If you depend on God, you will bear much fruit.

## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be sealed into an eternal covenant with Him through the very blood of Jesus? How does this bring peace to you as you are being equipped for His purposes?
2. If you are relying on your own resources to please God, what will happen to your strength eventually?
3. Does God ever ask you to something He will not equip you to do? How does this encourage us to each day the moment we open our eyes? Why does God allow things to break us down?
4. What 2 things did Rabbi say we can be sure of if we look to and depend on God?
5. Take a moment to note some things you need to look to Him to accomplish in your life? What will He need to equip you to do? As you rely on Him for these things, who will receive the glory for the things accomplished?