



Blessed Mary

The Blessing of Mary

Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, is without controversy the most blessed woman of all time. Luke's gospel gives us the most complete description of her blessedness by using three distinct Greek words. The first word used to express Mary's blessedness is spoken by the angel Gabriel:

*"Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; **blessed** are you among women!"*" (Luke 1:26-28). **Blessed** here is the word **ευλογηενη** pronounced (ū-log-ā-nā); meaning "uniquely favored from among all women", or "acted upon favorably by God". The antonym (opposite) of this word is "anathema", meaning something that is cursed.

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Next, Luke relates a dialog between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. By this time Mary has conceived, by the Holy Spirit.

*"Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. **Blessed** is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." (Luke 1:39-45)*

This word for **blessed** is **μακαρια** (ma-kar-ē-ǎ);

"to be pronounced or declared as blessed", "the state of being marked by the fullness of God", "fully satisfied by God". Again, the antonym is "to curse".

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The third word for blessed is contained in Mary's reply to Elizabeth, known as "Mary's Magnificat".

*"And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me **blessed**. . ."*

Μακαριουσί, (ma-kar-ē-ou-see), indicates that the goodwill credited to Mary would commence at the time of her visit with Elizabeth, and continue throughout all subsequent generations. It is obviously God's will for us to consider Mary's blessing. Is Mary to be worshiped with the Father and the Son? Listen to Jesus' words from John's gospel. *"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."* (John 5:21-23)

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The Greek word used for honor is **τίμωσι** (ti-mō-see); "reverence", "to esteem precious in value". Revelation Chapter 5 captures the host of heaven praising God, Father and Son; *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"*

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

*"Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"*

The Apostle John declares in 1st John 1:3b;

"And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." (Even though the Holy Spirit is God, we are not instructed to pray to Him in the Bible.)

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The tables on the next two pages affirm essential truths the Apostles and prophets held concerning Jesus. Many "traditions" have been established over the centuries since the Bible was written.

#	Doctrine	Jesus	Mary
1	<p><u>Deity:</u></p> <p><u>Prophesied</u></p> <p><u>Claimed by</u></p> <p><u>Jesus</u></p> <p><u>Confirmed</u></p> <p>By Signs</p> <p><u>Worshipped:</u></p> <p>By man</p> <p>By Disciples</p> <p>By Angels & Others</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:6</p> <p>John 8:58; 10:30</p> <p>20:28,29</p> <p>Too numerous to List.</p> <p>Matt 8:2; 9:18;</p> <p>John 9:38</p> <p>Luke 24:52;</p> <p>Matt 28:17</p> <p>Too numerous to List.</p>	<p>No Biblical mention of Deity concerning Mary</p>
2	<u>Pre-existence</u>	Col 1:15-19	No Mention
3	<u>Glory</u>	John 17:24	No Mention
4	<u>Co-Creator</u>	John 1:3; Col 1:16	No Mention
		Heb 1:10-12	

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5	<u>Savior</u>	Romans 5:9; Col 1:20; Heb 1:3; 5:9	No Mention
6	<u>Position</u> (Father's right Hand)	Matt 22:44; 26:64 Mark 16:19 Acts 7:55 Eph 1:20	No Mention
7	<u>Heavenly Scene</u> (Father, Son, Cherubim, 24 Elders, etc.)	Revelation Chapters 1, 4, & 5	No Mention
8	<u>Believer's</u> <u>Focus</u>	John 15:5 Heb 12:2,3 1st John 5:5	No Mention
9	<u>Intercessor</u>	Hebrews 7:25 1st Tim 2:5 "For there Is one God and <u>one</u> Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,"	No Mention

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Mary the mother of Jesus was chosen by God to bear His Only Begotten Son. She received an additional blessing because she believed God.

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