

WORSHIP

The Benediction

The word comes from two Latin words “bene” meaning good and “dictus” meaning to speak. Speak some good upon or bless the people.

As we leave worship God provides us a spiritual “hard hat.” Now we are going home and back to work. We are returning to a dangerous place, a place where the world, day and night, sends out messages that oppose God’s will.

The benediction is spoken with uplifted hands, as Christ, raised his hands to bless his disciples before his ascension. As the pastor says the words of blessing, the sign of the cross is made. The cross is the symbol of the Lord’s victory over sin and the basis of our peace with God.

Bible References:

Genesis 1:22; 2:3

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 103

Colossians 3:15

Sources:

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