

HEIRS OF GOD: RECEIVING YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST.

PART ONE: HEIRS TO EVERYTHING.

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CONTEXTUAL SETTING: “GALATIANS 3:13-14, 29 SAYS, “CHRIST HATH REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, BEING MADE A CURSE FOR US: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, CURSED IS EVERY ONE THAT HANGETH ON A TREE: THAT THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME ON THE GENTILES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH. AND IF YE BE CHRIST’S, THEN ARE YE ABRAHAM’S SEED, AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE.”

- VERSE 29 (AMP): “AND IF YOU BELONG TO CHRIST [ARE IN HIM WHO IS ABRAHAM’S SEED], THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM’S OFFSPRING AND [SPIRITUAL] HEIRS ACCORDING TO PROMISE.”
- VERSE 29 (NLT): “AND NOW THAT YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, YOU ARE THE TRUE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM. YOU ARE HIS HEIRS, AND GOD’S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM BELONGS TO YOU.”
- VERSE 29 (MSG): “SINCE YOU ARE CHRIST’S FAMILY, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM’S FAMOUS DESCENDANT,’ HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT PROMISES.”

I. INTRODUCTION.

A. PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY.

1. TO RENEW OUR MINDS & SEE OURSELVES AS HEIRS OF GOD.
2. TO DISCOVER WHAT IS INCLUDED IN OUR INHERITANCE.
3. TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE OUR INHERITANCE.

B. REVIEW OF INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE.

1. WE BECAME HEIRS TO A FORTUNE WHEN WE GAVE OUR LIVES TO JESUS.
2. MEANING ALL THAT BELONGS TO ABBA BELONGS TO US.
3. HEIR— A PERSON LEGALLY ENTITLED TO THE PROPERTY OR RANK OF ANOTHER ON THAT PERSON’S DEATH.
4. FORTUNE— A LARGE AMOUNT OF WEALTH OR PROSPERITY.
5. MANY DON’T REALIZE JUST HOW BLESSED THEY ARE.

II. MAIN POINTS.

A. GALATIANS 4:6-7—WE ARE HEIRS OF GOD

1. “AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS, CRYING, ABBA, FATHER. WHEREFORE THOU ART NO MORE A SERVANT, BUT A SON; AND IF A SON, THEN AN HEIR OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST.”
2. “I BECAME HEIR TO A FORTUNE MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA., WHEN I GAVE MY LIFE TO JESUS. AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS BORN AGAIN INTO THE RICHEST FAMILY EVER KNOWN. I WAS BORN INTO THE ROYAL FAMILY THAT OWNS AND OPERATES THE UNIVERSE. I RECEIVED AN INHERITANCE SO VAST IT WILL TAKE ME ALL OF ETERNITY TO FULLY COMPREHEND IT.” “RECEIVE YOUR INHERITANCE!”
3. HEIR (GK) = ONE WHO RECEIVES AN INHERITANCE BY RIGHT OF BIRTH
4. WE HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN INTO THE ROYAL FAMILY AS HEIRS TO OUR FATHER’S KINGDOM.
5. 1 PETER 1:3-4—WE ARE HEIRS BY BIRTH.

B. ROMANS 8:14-17—WE ARE JOINT HEIRS WITH JESUS

1. JOINT HEIR (GK) = IN UNION TOGETHER WITH AN INHERITOR
2. NLT: “TOGETHER WITH CHRIST, WE ARE HEIRS OF GOD’S GLORY.”
3. EPHESIANS 2:6-7 (AMP): “HE RAISED US UP TOGETHER WITH HIM AND MADE US SIT DOWN TOGETHER [GIVING US JOINT SEATING WITH HIM] IN THE HEAVENLY SPHERE [BY VIRTUE OF OUR BE- ING] IN CHRIST JESUS (THE MESSIAH, THE ANOINTED ONE). HE DID THIS THAT HE MIGHT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THROUGH THE AGES TO COME THE IMMEASURABLE (LIMITLESS, SURPASSING) RICHES OF HIS FREE GRACE (HIS UNMERITED FAVOR) IN [HIS] KINDNESS

AND GOODNESS OF HEART TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS.”

4. HEBREWS 1:1-2: “GOD, WHO AT SUNDRY TIMES AND IN DIVERS MANNERS SPAKE IN TIME PAST UNTO THE FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS, HATH IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON, WHOM HE HATH APPOINTED HEIR OF ALL THINGS, BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS.”
5. IF JESUS IS HEIR OF ALL THINGS AND WE ARE JOINT HEIRS WITH JESUS, WE MUST BE HEIRS OF ALL THINGS AS WELL.

C. GALATIANS 4:7—WE ARE HEIRS OF EVERYTHING

1. NLT-96: “SINCE YOU ARE HIS CHILD, EVERYTHING HE HAS BELONGS TO YOU.”
2. MSG: “IF YOU ARE A CHILD, YOU’RE ALSO AN HEIR, WITH COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE INHERITANCE.”
3. THE INHERITANCE IS THE FULL SCOPE OF GOD’S PROVISION THAT ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING—SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY, FINANCIALLY, SOCIALLY.
4. EPHESIANS 1:3 (NLT): “ALL PRAISE TO GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS BECAUSE WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST.”
5. 2 PETER 1:3-4 (AMP): “FOR HIS DIVINE POWER HAS BESTOWED UPON US ALL THINGS THAT [ARE REQUISITE AND SUITED] TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE [FULL, PERSONAL] KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY AND TO HIS OWN GLORY AND EXCELLENCE (VIRTUE). BY MEANS OF THESE HE HAS BESTOWED ON US HIS PRECIOUS AND EXCEEDINGLY GREAT PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU MAY ESCAPE [BY FLIGHT] FROM THE MORAL DECAY (ROTTENNESS AND CORRUPTION) THAT IS IN THE WORLD BECAUSE OF COVETOUSNESS (LUST AND GREED), AND BECOME SHARERS (PARTAKERS) OF THE DIVINE NATURE.”
 - A. BEQUEATH = TO GIVE OR LEAVE BY WILL—USED ESPECIALLY OF PROPERTY
 - B. VERSE 3 (NIV): “HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A GODLY LIFE THROUGH

OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY HIS OWN GLORY AND GOODNESS.

C. OUR INHERITANCE AS HEIRS OF GOD INCLUDES EVERYTHING WE WOULD EVER NEED.

6. REVELATION 21:7: "HE WHO OVERCOMETH SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS; AND I WILL BE HIS GOD, AND HE SHALL BE MY SON."
7. PSALM 103:1-5 (NKJV): "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 INIQUITIES, WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES, WHO REDEEMS YOUR LIFE FROM DESTRUCTION, WHO CROWNS YOU WITH LOVINGKINDNESS AND TENDER MERCIES, WHO SATISFIES YOUR MOUTH WITH GOOD THINGS, SO THAT YOUR YOUTH IS RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE'S."

“I am expecting my greatest blessing, ever
—today—because great grace is upon us
all.”