

# Our Inheritance in Christ

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## **A. God gave us our inheritance in Christ**

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

- 1. His Will:** His will is for us to receive all that He has for us.
- 2. His Grace:** It's His unmerited, undeserved favor.
- 3. His Glory:** It's His desire to glorify Himself by giving us spiritual wealth.
- 4. His Power:** It's His power that creates all, preserves all, and provides all.
- 5. His Love:** He loves us.

# A. God gave us our inheritance in Christ

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

- 6. His Pleasure:** It gives Him great joy to give to His children.
- 7. His Purpose:** Before the foundation of the world, He planned our inheritance.
- 8. His Calling:** He calls us into salvation, sanctification, and service.
- 9. His Inheritance:** Our name is on His will for eternity.
- 10. His Workmanship:** We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

## **B. How do we receive our inheritance in Christ?**

When we obey the gospel, we are included in the inheritance of the saints.

1. In Him we have adoption
2. In Him we have redemption
3. In Him we have an inheritance

## **B. How do we receive our inheritance in Christ?**

Believers in Jesus Christ are referred to as God's children.

**John 1:12-13**

**12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,**

**13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

### c. What blessings do we receive with our inheritance in Christ?

#### I. Our Inheritance – Eternal Life - Heaven

One of the greatest blessings that God has given us is the inheritance or rather the privilege of becoming his inheritance or heritage

The moment we are saved we become the heritage of God

### **C. What blessings do we receive with our inheritance in Christ?**

Those things included in our spiritual inheritance we can continually draw from are the following:

1. All things that pertain unto life and godliness –  
2 Peter 1:3.
2. Partakers of the divine nature of Christ – 2 Peter 1:4.
3. Power and anointing in the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8,  
1 John 2:27.
4. Forgiveness of sins and freedom from guilt –  
1 John 1:9, Romans 8:1.

C. What blessings do we receive with our inheritance in Christ?

5. Divine health and healing – Matthew 8:17.
6. Freedom from poverty – assurance that our needs will be met - Matthew 6:25-26
7. The prosperity in all things including our soul – 3 John 1:2.
8. Love, joy, peace and righteousness in the Holy Spirit – Romans 14:17.

C. What blessings do we receive with our inheritance in Christ?

9. Victory and freedom from the bondage of sin  
– Romans 8:11.
10. More than conquerors in all things –  
Romans 8:37.
11. An abundance of grace for every good work  
– 2 Corinthians 9: 8.
12. An understanding of the mystery of God's will – Ephesians 1:9.

### C. What blessings do we receive with our inheritance in Christ?

13. Divine guidance - Romans 8:14.
14. Happiness – Matthew 5: 3-12.
15. Security – Psalm 91:1-2.
16. Co-laborers with God – 1 Corinthians 3:9.
17. Seated in heavenly places with Christ – Ephesians 2:6.

Isaiah 12:3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

## D. In Christ, Jews receive an inheritance

### **Genesis 12:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country,  
And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the  
land which I will show you;

<sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you,  
And make your name great; And so you shall be a  
blessing;

<sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses  
you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be  
blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot  
went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he  
departed from Haran.

## D. In Christ, Jews receive an inheritance

### Psalm 2:8

<sup>8</sup> 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

### Psalm 16:5-6

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

## D. In Christ, Jews receive an inheritance

### **Hebrews 9:15**

<sup>15</sup> For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

### **Hebrews 11:8**

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

## E. In Christ, Gentiles receive an inheritance

By hearing the word of truth, which is the gospel, and believing in Christ

Ephesians 1: 13

<sup>13</sup> In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

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### 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup> and **that He was buried**, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

## **F. Our inheritance in Christ is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit**

**By the sealing of the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we take possession of it**

**Ephesians 1: 13 – 14**

<sup>13</sup> In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

<sup>14</sup> who is **given as a pledge of our inheritance,** with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

## **F. Our inheritance in Christ is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit**

### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

**21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,**

**22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.**

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

<sup>4</sup> to obtain **an inheritance** which is **imperishable** and **undefiled** and **will not fade away**, **reserved in heaven for you**,

<sup>5</sup> who are **protected by the power of God** through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 1. Our inheritance in Christ is imperishable.

**Matthew 6:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> "**Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

<sup>20</sup> "But **store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;  
<sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 1. Our inheritance in Christ is imperishable.

#### 1 Peter 1:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

<sup>23</sup> for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is, through the living and enduring word of God.*

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 2. Our inheritance in Christ is undefiled.

**Hebrews 7:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 2. Our inheritance in Christ is undefiled.

#### **Revelation 21:24-27**

<sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

<sup>25</sup> In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

<sup>26</sup> and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

<sup>27</sup> and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 3. Our inheritance in Christ is unfading.

#### **Revelation 21:5**

<sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He \*said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

#### **2 Corinthians 5:1**

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 4. Our inheritance in Christ is reserved in heaven.

#### **Hebrews 11:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

<sup>10</sup> for **he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

## G. Peter's description of our inheritance in Christ

### 5. Our inheritance in Christ is protected by God's power.

Jude 1:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

<sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever.  
Amen.

# Our Inheritance in Christ

- A. God, by His mercy and grace gave us our inheritance in Christ
- B. We receive our inheritance in Christ through our obedience to the Gospel
- C. We enjoy many spiritual blessings now on earth and later in heaven
- D. Both Jews and Gentiles have an opportunity to receive the inheritance in Christ

# Our Inheritance in Christ

- E. The Holy Spirit is God's pledge for our inheritance in Christ
- F. Peter describes our inheritance as:
  - 1. Imperishable
  - 2. Undefiled
  - 3. Will not fade away
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  - 5. Protected by the power of God