

Enjoying My Inheritance, Part I

Shocked! Quite surprised!

Any relatives or friends who discover this website will be amazed to think that over these years, I have been living off an inheritance, unbeknownst to them!! They have been convinced, over these years that I am poor. They will wonder among themselves what distant relative has bequeathed me this source of wealth previously unannounced. They will want to know how they were left off the beneficiaries list.

Before they develop the idea and courage to send in a request for a loan or a grant, let me hasten to declare. The inheritance I am living off of is far superior to the wealth accumulated by any industrial titans.

I like the statement made by Peter in the first century, when meeting with a lame men who was likely begging passersby for a handout.

“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you...” Acts 3:6

Rich Indeed!

Richly supplied with all things to enjoy.	I Timothy 6:17-19
Living generously	I Timothy 6:17-19
Granted everything pertaining to life and godliness	I Timothy 6:17-19
Far, more, abundantly, beyond, all that I can ask for or think of	Ephesians 2:20
Inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, will not fade away, reserved in Heaven for me	I Peter 1:2-4
This inheritance will last forever, never running out	Ephesians 1:18
Basic needs provided by the all-knowing God	Matthew 6:25-33
Richer in faith than the wealthiest men of the world	James 2:5-6
Jesus is not ashamed to call me ‘brother’ (now that is reassuring)	Hebrews 2:11-12
The Lord Himself! He is my portion, my cup. He makes my lot secure, with a clear view of the future	Psalms 16:5-6 2 Corinthians 4:18

Eternal life in the world to come guaranteed	2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 10:28-29
Qualified to share in this inheritance by God the Father	Colossians 1:12-13
This inheritance was obtained through Christ	Ephesians 1:5-12
This inheritance comes with a guarantee by the Spirit of God	Ephesians 1:11-14
The riches of God's grace is "lavished" upon us	Ephesians 1:7-8
Our 'light' troubles here are achieving for us a future eternal glory	2 Corinthians 4:17

Like they sometimes say, "He must be loaded!"
And it gets better yet...

This Source of Wealth and its Practical Implications

This view of life allows me to experience a quality of life characterized by...

No doubts

No fears

No guilt

No hate

No worry, no anxieties

Do you think that all sounds impossible to achieve?

It is not that these debilitating conditions never occur. It is that this source of wealth makes resources available to fully address and resolve each one.

Source of Wealth	Practical Implications	
Rescued from the domain of darkness	Freedom from dread	Col. 1:9-22
Transferred to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ	New citizenship, identity	Col. 1:9-22
Redeemed, forgiven of sin	Peace with God	Col. 1:9-22
Presented to God as holy, blameless, beyond reproach	Security	Col. 1:9-22

Peace of God	No worries	Phil. 4:6-7
Peace with God	No fears	
2-way interaction with God Almighty	Perspectives altered, secured	Heb. 11:6; James 1:5-8
My death penalty for sin paid in full	Relief, gratefulness	2 Cor. 5:21
Invitation to entrust needs to God	Rest, Expectation	Rom. 8:28; Psalm 127:1-2
Protection from Satan himself	Confidence, no fears	Psalm 23:4; II Timothy 4:18; II Thess. 3:3
Recipient of valuable and magnificent promises from God to become partaker of the divine nature	Focus, priority, hope	II Peter 1:1-11
The proof of my faith more valuable than gold	Experience validated	I Peter 1:3-9
God's grace and strength in specific areas of specific weaknesses	Practice of making requests	2 Cor. 12:7-10
New perspective of the corruption of the world system	Diminished reliance upon the world's resources	Romans 8:20
Truths established and demonstrated by God	Superior resource of knowledge	I Cor. 1:30; I Cor. 2:4-16
God's wisdom and counsel	Confidence to address life and its complexities	James 1:5-8

When I ponder the immensity of my inheritance, it makes me think of these lines to the old church hymn...

I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice and an alien by birth;
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown.

I'm a child of the King

1 My Father is rich in houses and land,
He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands!
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,
His coffers are full, He has riches untold.

Refrain:

I'm a child of the King,
A child of the King,
With Jesus my Savior,
I'm a child of the King.

2 My Father's own Son, the Savior of men,
Once wandered on earth as the poorest of them;
But now He is reigning forever on high,
And will give me a home in heav'n by and by. [Refrain]

3 I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice and an alien by birth;
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown. [Refrain]

4 A tent or a cottage, why should I care?
They're building a palace for me over there;
Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing:
All glory to God, I'm a child of the King. [Refrain]

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I am beginning to understand what Peter declared to the lame man... "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!" ⁷ And grasping him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened." Acts 3:6-7