

Enjoying My Inheritance, Part II

Our Spiritual Inheritance and its Riches

The inheritance I am enjoying is described in detail in these Scripture texts addressed to believers in Jesus Christ.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Hebrews 9:15-17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. James 1:17

For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and all it contains. Shall I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of male goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High; Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me. Psalm 50-10-15

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

“...richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.”

“...take hold of that which is life indeed.”

Can you improve on that?

“For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of

darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach..." Colossians 1:9-22

"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..." Ephesians 1:13

"Now to Him who is able to do (1) far (2) more (3) abundantly (4) beyond (5) all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 2:20

Can you think of any descriptions beyond the five (5) listed above?

“...to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away...”

“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, to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.” I Peter 1:3-9, 4

Has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness

“To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.” II Peter 1:1-11

The promised Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory. (ESV). Ephesians 1:11-14

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...
Ephesians 1:18

The Spirit of God who dwells in the believer is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire full possession of it! There are no warranties or guarantees on earth on any product or service that can be compared to this one.

and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*. Romans 8:17

This aspect of the inheritance has a provision with it, e.g. suffering. We will get to a study of this one soon so it can be fully understood and valued along with the rest of God's riches!

to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you... 1 Peter 1:4

Most of what is coming is being held for us for when the longer period of our true living begins!

Would you rather be poor or rich?

Do you see yourself as a poor person? Are you like many of us who are anxious about making the next car payment or utility bill payment, or simply concerned about the purchase of basic food supplies and medicines you and your family require?

God has made clear, "Listen, my beloved brethren: *did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?* But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?" James 2:5-6

As a poor person, we have the clear advantage to understanding and practicing our faith in presenting our needs and requests to God our Father. Would you rather choose to be wealthy with this world's goods and cash over a vibrant two-way interaction with the God who is glad to meet the needs of His children?

People who have chosen to believe in Jesus Christ for the salvation offered freely by God the Father, have become family members, whom Jesus is not ashamed of, and with whom He is glad to share the riches of God which are available to us through Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures describes this wonderful new relationship we share...

For both the One who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says: "I will proclaim Your name to My brothers; I will sing Your praises in the assembly."... Hebrews 2:11-12
Berean Standard Bible

Why are the riches of God available only through the relationship with Jesus Christ?

The reason is basic and foundational. God the Father has given to Jesus Christ the role as Creator of everything, Sustainer of everything, keeping it alive for the hoped for discovery of its full and glorious purpose.

For by Him [Jesus Christ] all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. Hebrews 1:1-3

This is why the remedy for all worries ends with the conclusion, "...in Christ Jesus."

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds *in Christ Jesus*.
Philippians 4:6-7

How can we take advantage of the inheritance which we have in our relationship with God our Father and His Son Jesus Christ?

Advice

The inheritance described in these Bible texts, is promised to men and women and children who believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation and the promise of living in eternity in the presence of God. The inheritance is a relationship between us as individuals and our God who is our Father, who gave to us everlasting life and all the benefits of a quality life while here on Earth. It is based on a two way relationship and daily communication between the Father and His children.

Learning to live like a child of the King is our privilege and daily opportunity.

After this quick review of the inheritance and its untold wealth reserved for believers in Jesus Christ for salvation, I realize I have not even yet scratched the surface. It drives me to sing out loud the sentiment shared by 10s of millions of others...

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease—
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.
6. Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)