



The Inheritance of the Saints

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1 Peter 1:3-5.

- God “**hath begotten us again.**” He gave us a new birth; a born-again experience. It was a free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- “**Unto a lively hope.**” It is a real and living and permanent hope because our hope is in Jesus Christ.
 - The world can’t give any real hope. Men seek satisfaction in worldly treasures, but those can never satisfy. But when your hope is in Christ, you find that it is a hope that never fails.
- Our hope comes “**by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**”
 - You can fail in some things and try again; all hope is not lost. But when you get to the end of your life, your hope had better be in the resurrected Lord or ALL hope is lost.
- **To an inheritance...**” I’m on my way “to” a destination. When I get there one day, I’ll find “an inheritance.”
 - You don’t receive your inheritance in this world, but it is yours. You have to go somewhere to get it. It’s waiting for you in your heavenly destination.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MY INHERITANCE

- My Inheritance is “**incorruptible.**” It is not capable of decay or wasting away or diminishing.
- My inheritance is “**undefiled.**” That means there is nothing dirty about it and it can’t become dirty.
 - In this world, things become defiled. Men, women, and the world itself are defiled.
 - But where I’m going, nothing is defiled. My inheritance is undefiled.
- My inheritance “**fadeth not away.**” We may miss opportunities in this life on earth, but we’ll not miss out on our inheritance. Our heavenly hope is getting closer and closer and more real by the moment. “Your redemption draweth nigh.” (Luke 21:28).
- My inheritance is “**reserved.**” I made a reservation when I called upon the name of the Lord. (Rom. 10:13, Jer. 33:3).
 - You are ready to go whenever the Lord comes to pick you up. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- My inheritance is “in **heaven.**” That’s where I’m going.
- This inheritance is “**For you.**” For who? For those who have received the “**sanctification of the Spirit**” (vs. 2) and “**the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**” (vs. 2) and those who claim that the LORD “**hath begotten us again?**” (vs. 3). If you don’t have that, you don’t have a reservation in Heaven.

-This inheritance is for those **“who are kept by the power of God.”** I’m not keeping myself saved. God keeps me saved. It took the power of God to save me. It takes the power of God to keep me.

-My inheritance is obtained **“through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed.”**

-Notice that I’m not waiting for my inheritance to be GIVEN, but to be REVEALED... **“in the last time.”** It’s already mine. I already have it. It’s just not revealed yet. You can’t see it yet.

Romans 8:16-17, What do we stand to inherit?

- If you are a child of God, the Holy Spirit will bear witness with your spirit (Romans 8: 16) to confirm it.

-**“Children of God”** are **“Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.”** (Romans 8:17).

- God owns everything in the universe. Jesus Christ is God’s heir. He gets everything. Believers are **“joint-hers.”** Everything that is Christ’s is ours also.

Ephesians 1:13-14, God’s promise of inheritance comes with a sure promise.

-When I became a child of God, the Holy Spirit sealed me, **“Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.”** (vs. 14). All that the Holy Spirit of God does for me today is just a down-payment towards all that God has promised me.

Hebrews 9:13-17, In order for us to receive an inheritance, somebody has to die.

-Jesus Christ’s **“Last will and Testament”** is a NEW Testament, which provides for our **“eternal inheritance”** whereas the Old Testament could not. The New Testament was **“of force”** when Jesus died on the cross on Mt. Calvary.

4 THINGS THAT ARE INCORRUPTIBLE

1. Our inheritance (1 Peter 1:4)
2. Our new body (1 Corinthians 15:49-53)
3. A crown (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)
4. The Word of God (1 Peter 1:23)

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD (1 Peter 1:5)

Jeremiah 2:1-7. A comparison between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

-The Old Covenant was dependent upon man to do right. Man failed and defiled God’s land and made His heritage an abomination.

-The New Covenant is dependent upon Jesus Christ, the righteous Lord. It cannot become defiled because I don’t have anything to do with it. God won’t defile it.

2 Timothy 1:12. I entrusted my soul to Jesus Christ. I know that it is safe.

Galatians 3:23. Before Christ I was kept by the Law in sin. I couldn’t keep the Law.

1 Peter 1:5. I received Christ. Now I’m kept by the power of God. I can’t lose my salvation.