

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 35

Chapter 3, verse 13: The Believer's Inheritance

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Verse 13: "forgetting those things which ARE behind, and reaching forth unto those things which ARE—BEFORE."

- The believer's life of sin is in the past. Forget it.
- There is something that is guaranteed in the believer's future. We ought to reach for it today.
 - Things that will certainly be in the believer's future: resurrection (vs 10), a prize, a mark to be met (vs 14).
 - We haven't laid hold on those things yet, but we are running and reaching to get hold of them now so they can benefit others.

Gal 3:18 Abraham's inheritance was not earned. God promised it to him.

- The believer has been promised eternal life. God promised. It was not an earned reward. It was a gift of God, not of works.
- We have a guaranteed inheritance when we get to heaven because inheritance is not earned. It is promised by God.

Eph 1:3 God has "**blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.**"

- Redemption through his blood (vs 7).
- The forgiveness of sins (vs 7).
- **An inheritance** (vs 11). We have obtained an inheritance. It is a present possession. We are not working to get an inheritance.
- Lord's calling and the Lord's inheritance (vs 18). The inheritance of Jesus Christ has been reckoned to the believer's account.

Eph 5:5-7 Unbelievers have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

- If your life has not changed since you claimed to have received Jesus Christ, you ought to question your salvation. You have no inheritance because you're not saved.
- You're a child of disobedience (Eph 5:6), not a child of God (Jn 1:12).
- Children of God are instructed not to spend time with children of disobedience (vs 7)

Col 1:12 God has made us deserving of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Col 3:22-24 As a servant of God, I KNOW I shall receive the reward of the inheritance. Other rewards are earned. The reward of inheritance is given by promise.

Heb 9:11-15 Because of Jesus' work on the cross to redeem me, I have the **promise of eternal inheritance** (vs 15). The blood of Christ secures our inheritance, not our good works.

1 Pet 1:2-5 Those who have received salvation through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and by His mercy, have "**an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.**" (vs 4). God keeps me fit for the inheritance by His power (vs 5)
