

God's inheritance

"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. (Eph.1:18) God wants to know about our salvation that will give us assurance about our high calling as God's people. He wants you to know the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and surpassing greatness of His power toward you. They will give us the hope and eternal perspective that we need to endure trials, strength to persevere in godliness. To understand it, you must continually ask God to enlighten the eyes of your heart, a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the true knowledge of Him. To the extent that you understand these vast spiritual resources, you will enjoy God and glorify Him forever.

God's inheritance is meant that God is our Heavenly Father, that he purposely and joyfully made each and every one of us and that he did so because he loves us and wants to be with us. *Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people.* (Rev.21:3,4) God will dwell with men in eternity and saints will have a glorious inheritance, that of Christ himself. We will dwell in the eternal kingdom with Father, Son and Spirit in eternity with no more division, sin or rebellion, lie or deception, or any such thing to distort the people, habitation. *There shall be no more death, sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*

Bible is full of references to the inheritance believers have in Christ. *In Him[Christ] we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to counsel of His will,* (Eph1:11) In Col.3:24 *"knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ* and in Heb.9:15. *that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.* 1Peter 1:4,23 describes this inheritance further, that we have been born again *"into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you."* Our inheritance is the sum of all God has promised us in salvation. Words related to inheritance in Scripture are our portion and heritage. Our inheritance is distinguished by four important qualities: Our inheritance in Christ is imperishable. What we have in Christ is not subject to corruption. In contrast, everything on earth is in the process of decaying, rusting, falling apart even our own bodies. Our treasure in heaven, though, is unaffected by decay. *lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.* (Mat.6:19) Our inheritance in Christ is unchanged. What we have in Christ is free from anything that would deform. He is "holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. (Heb.7:26), and our inheritance in Him is also holy, blameless, exalted, and pure. No earthly corruption or weakness can touch what God has bestowed. Revelation 21:27 says that *"nothing impure will ever enter [New Jerusalem], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful."* Our inheritance in Christ is unfading. God says, "I am making everything new!" (Rev.21:5) What we have in Christ is an enduring possession. Our inheritance is glorious intensity will never diminish. Our inheritance in Christ is reserved. What we have in Christ is being "kept" in heaven for us. Although we enjoy many blessings as children of God here on earth, our inheritance—eternal habitation—is reserved for us in heaven. *Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.* (Psa.26:8)

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory (Rom.8:17) The meaning of heir is "someone who has been appointed to receive an inheritance." An heir is a person who receives something of worth from a father. (Mark 12:7) The New Testament portrays Jesus Christ as God's "firstborn" Son (Heb.1:2,6); that is, Jesus holds the "birthright" and is the heir of all the Father has. God the Father has given Christ all of creation as a gift, because all was created for Him (Col.1:16; John 3:35) The inheritance that Christ receives includes believers, those whom the Father has given to the Son. (John 6:37) *"In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,"* (Gal.3:26) To be "baptized into Christ" means they were identified with Christ, having left their old sinful lives and fully embracing the new life in Christ. (Mar8:34) Scripture refer to the believer's being "in Christ" (1Pe.5:14) Col.3:3 says, *"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* To be "in Christ" means we have accepted His sacrifice as payment for our sin. Jesus loved us; He gave his life and died for us, chosen by God to inherit God. We receive the promise of our inheritance by hearing the word of truth and believing in Christ. (EPH1:13,14,11) This heavenly heritage is God's purpose and will for us. We are "heirs" of God, and co-heirs with Christ, means, believers have been given the privilege of sharing Christ's inheritance. We call God "Abba, Father" is in relation to the Spirit's work of adoption that makes us God's children and as firstborn heirs. (ROM8:15; HEB12:23) Our inheritance includes eternal life (1PE1:4), and rewards calls for faithfulness, obedience, self-sacrifice, and loving service. To all who believe is given the Holy Spirit as *"a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory"*

One day, we will take possession of our portion, our heritage, our full inheritance. We walk in hope, and we do not see the thing as if it were present, but we see it by faith. Therefore, we should rejoice, give thanks, be content, wait. When we understand the value the glory that awaits us, were able to endure whatever comes in this life. We can give God praise even during trials because we have His guarantee that we will receive all He has promised: *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"* (2CO4:17)

Claim Your Inheritance!

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The Bible is a book about destiny — the great plan God has for each of our lives. Just as He offered a Promised Land to the Israelites, “*an exceedingly good land ... then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey’*”(Num.14:7-8) God has a wonderful inheritance for us as well. But we must remember that Satan is intent on fighting us every inch of the way as we pursue the Lord’s destiny for our lives. Just as God has a plan for our lives, so does the devil: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;”(John 10:10) This means there’s a battle for your inheritance! Entering and possessing your “Promised Land” means you must be willing to engage the enemy. Before the Israelites entered the Promised Land, God had already given it to them! They were the rightful owners, because God promised given the land to Abraham and his descendants.(Gen.12:7) And after Moses led the Israelites, Joshua was told to lead them into this wonderful inheritance. Yet there was a problem, land was occupied by powerful nations with giants. Israelites faced inevitable war as they crossed the Jordan to take possession of it. The challenge for you is to take possession of what is rightfully ours.(JOS21:43) We must claim our inheritance!

Claiming your inheritance requires having courage to confront the—giants that seem to block your path, enemies too threatening, prevent you from possessing what God has already given you. But like Caleb and Joshua: *Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it!*(NUM13:30-33;DEU20:1-4) Don’t let any Goliath threaten you and keep you back from the abundant life God wants for you. Instead of allowing a spirit of fear to frighten us, we need to aggressively take the battle to the enemy. Jesus spoke of the need to be on offensive in our spiritual battles: *From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force”*(MAT11:12) We will never grasp our blessings in Christ without a fight! *For our fight is against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*(EPH6:12) If you belong to Christ, your battle is Lord’s. It’s time to go in and possess your Heavenly Canaan. For your names are written in heaven, our citizenship is in heaven.(PHI3:20;HEB12:22) You’re the owner. It’s time to wage spiritual warfare. The victory is yours!

Joshua himself represents the Jesus. The Spirit of God rested upon Joshua because the anointing was with inheritance in view. It is 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Jesus stands before us. He is waving to us to come forward. “Be Strong and of Good Courage” Power of the Holy Spirit will you overcome and gain inheritance Christ has for you. There is an inheritance for the people of God.(PRO13:22) “Joshua said to the children of Israel: ‘How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?’(JOS18:3,1) Through God’s power, Israel had finished conquering the Promise land which God had given to them according to divisions by their tribes.

When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations - the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger, stronger than you and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally.(Deu.7:1-3) Each of these seven nations represents the enemies we had to defeat 31 Kings and 7 nations.

HITTITES - This name means terror, fearfulness. They were giants who brought fear, confusion, discouragement to others. Spirit of fear will drain you and make you timid. And stops you from inheriting the blessings of God This is our enemy because as spiritual Israelites we should fear God only and not anything other than God, not man.(PRO29:25)

GIRGASHITES - The meaning "Girgashite" the spirit of backsliding, is as one who returns back from a pilgrimage. They are people that go back to the world and are earthly. They are not stable in their mind-set. This spirit reminds us of past pleasures. This is our enemy because we have to be steady in our faith life always based on Jesus Christ.(ISA28:16)

AMORITES - They carry this spirit were arrogant, boastful in their speech, who always challenging. They had high self-esteem and this pride led to finding fault in others/despise. They demand you call them their title by high respect. This is our enemy because God is righteous judge. So, if we judge others then we will be haughty before God.(PRO8:13)

CANAANITES - This name means merchants who humiliate. They were financial giants. Canaanites were motivated by greed and lust for the accumulation of earthly and material wealth. Canaanite Spirit uses material gain to bring into compromise doctrine. This is our enemy as we can't serve two masters and this world's possessions are temporary.(JAM4.4)

PERIZZITES - They were people who had separated themselves and lived in unprotected, unwallled city. They had no discipline, self-control in emotions/tongue so that no defense against enemies. Perizzite spirit is to pressure to break down our defenses. This is our enemy because we have to fully surrender ourselves to God's commandments.(PRO25:28)

HIVITES - They claimed to offer a good lifestyle, living by phrases such as "if it feels good do it", "don't worry what other people think" and "look out for number one". They lived a luxurious life. The Hivite spirit truly believes that satisfying the flesh comes before anything. This is our enemy because our spiritual life is a sacrificial one.(1TIM.6.10)

JEBUSITES - Jebusites means treading down. The scheme of this evil spirit is to beat us down by accusation, guilt, and to defile our faith in God. It wants to bring you down and discourage you. Jebusite spirit defiled God's temple. This is our enemy because our body is a temple of our Lord.(MAT5:27) David finally defeated the Jebusites.(2SA5:6-10)

Jesus has already defeated the enemy, conquered Zion and H. Jerusalem. He calls us into battle to gain what ours; let him deny himself-all pleasures; take up his cross daily-absolute surrender even to death; follow Jesus-striving to be like Him.

Jesus said to him, *"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me."* (Mat. 19:16-30; Mar. 10:17-22; Luk. 8:18-23) A rich young man, ruler, very religious from his young age, who came to Jesus with a question, *"Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"* This young man came to Jesus prepared to learn from Him. He ran up to Jesus and knelt before him, indicating a sense of urgency and respect. And he asked about eternal life because he was concerned about his soul's eternal destiny. However, Jesus exposed him of what he believed as the basis for eternal life. He did it in four ways.

Firstly, Jesus said, *"There is only One who is good."* Jesus picked up word "good" from this man's question so that this man could realize he was truly not good. Who is the One that is good? God is good and to Him goes all glory. *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"* (Psa. 107:1) Moreover, everything that comes from God is good as well. (Jam. 1:17) Therefore, by God all goodness is to be measured, that proving what is agreeable to the Lord and his perfect will, is good. Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (COL 1:15) Jesus is worthy to be called good!

Secondly, Jesus said, *"If you want to enter life, keep the commandments"* according to God's goodness, which is God's standard. And Jesus sum-up was about loving our neighbor as ourselves. At this point, the rich young man said to Him, *"All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"* Jesus didn't criticize him for his prideful words, instead *"Jesus looked at him and loved him"* All the more, Jesus could hear the hidden despair as if he were saying, he still felt something was lacking, even if he had youth, wealth, attain a position and keep the commandments. This kind of self-realization is redemptive because it helps us turn from ourselves and this world to the One who is good.

Thirdly, Jesus said, *"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions"* Jesus' command is challenging and essential. Jesus wanted to strip the man of his self-righteousness or a bit of pride and of the idol of his wealth. Here possessions are something you believe you earned; my money, my children, my achievement! What can be mine? We are nothing but stewards for all we have. Your possessions are counterfeit idols; self-worth, security, pleasures. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions, give the money to charity-gospel; use earthly wealth to have treasure in heaven, and follow Him as a disciple. Christ's high standards and our own ambitions and desires are contrary. Christian walk is not easy without grace but it is particularly hard for the wealthy. Remember Lot's wife couldn't let go of her love of Sodom and was destroyed

Fourthly, Jesus said, *"Then come, follow me"* This rich man had followed himself, his culture, tradition, religion, which couldn't give him an eternal life. Jesus asked him to realize man's love of the world, take them off! What good thing must do to get eternal life? If you want to be perfect, spiritual maturity, we must be willing to put away the things of the world and out of a deep Love for Jesus, serve the Lord with gladness and sincerity. Jesus is the way to eternal life! When we keep following Him, striving to be like Him, He leads us to eternal life. Paul be the example of following Jesus by living a life patterned after Christ. (PHI 3:7-) *Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance.* (MAT 25:34)

Verse 22 is one of the most disappointing verses in the Bible: *"When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth."* The difficulty with the young man was that he had great possessions, and he preferred to rely upon his wealth rather than forsake all and follow Christ. The rich young man had believed that he could not live without it. He refused Jesus' greatest offer to have eternal life by following Him, he couldn't make that choice, that sacrifice, he was cowardly and disappointed in himself. No man can obtain gift of eternal life unless he is willing to sacrifice all earthly things in order to obtain it. What was holding him back? What did he really trust in? The love of money can hold us back, our attachment to it or what it can buy. God is not a respecter of persons. The rich man may enter into the kingdom of heaven as freely as the poor, if he will bring his heart upon the obedient of God's purposes. Jesus taught that his disciples must be willing to sacrifice anything that he asks of them. *And my righteous ones will live by faith.* (HEB 10:38) *Seek heavenly treasures, For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* (LUK 12:13-21)

After seeing the rich young man leave him with his head down, sorrowful, Jesus spoke to his disciples, *Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.* When the disciples heard Jesus' words, they were astonished and asked, *"Who then can be saved?"* Jesus looked at them and said, *'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'* No one can be perfected through his money, skills, talents, intellect, works, or goodness. With God, however, all things are possible. God is only One who can save and perfect most unlikely people including his disciples. While hearing Jesus' conversation with rich man, Peter told Jesus *"We have left everything to follow you! What then there be for us?"* *"Jesus said to them, 'you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel'* Jesus is the Son of Man who will sit on the glorious throne at the renewal of all things. His disciples would receive such honor to judge the twelve tribes of Israel together with Eternal King Jesus. *"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."* Jesus promises that everyone who forsake all for His sake and the gospel will inherit eternal life, which we will enjoy in eternity. Jesus told *"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.* (JOH 12:26)

What is our inheritance?

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Eternal life so glorious that the Creator God loves His people and that He has prepared the glories of eternity to dwell with them. "As it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man, The things which God has prepared for those who love Him"(1Cor.2:9)It has been revealed glimpse through the word of God. In Revelation 21-22 John saw vision a new heaven and a new earth while focusing on the holy city, the New Jerusalem a beautiful picture of God's perfect divine presence of God. The city will have Shekinah, glory of God. The city will have a pure river of water of life, the tree of life, the tree's fruit and throne of God which is in the Paradise of God.

The word "to overcome" means victory over hostile powers, to subdue something or to prevail over something. An overcomer is a conqueror or a winner. This victory has as its foundation the victory already won by Jesus Christ. Jesus is the first Overcomer! He is our Forerunner! He is the conqueror/winner. The only way we can become overcomers, is to yield ourselves to Him and allow Him to conquer, subdue and prevail through us. Overcomers are those faithful, obedient, following Christ even under pain of persecution and threat of martyrdom. Overcoming involved repenting of sins and returning to a life of walking with Jesus by faith. An overcomer is one who resists temptation through self-examination, diligent in putting sinful attitudes and behaviors out of his life that emerges from lust and pride. Overcomer endures through trials by the power of the Holy Spirit. We should continually submit ourselves to God, draw strength/power from Him, put on full armor of God and resist the devil. By doing God's will, we are able to overcome the world, flesh, and devil. *Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fix our eyes on Jesus!*

Jesus Christ promised everlasting life in the Kingdom of God to "him who overcomes." In Revelation 21:7: "*He that overcomes(victorious)shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be My son.*" "*To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*(Rev.3:21) Bible is all about inheritance. Overcomers are the ones who will have various levels of responsibility in the coming Kingdom. But the ones who have fulfilled the conditions set down by God in His Word – will inherit. Some of those conditions are found in Rom.8:17, which say, if we don't suffer with Him, we will not be joint-heirs nor reign with Him. Mat.24:45 says that if we are not faithful, He will not make us rulers over all His goods. Gal.5:19–21 warns us that if we don't walk by the Spirit, we won't inherit the Kingdom. James 2:5 warns that if we don't love Him, we won't be heirs of the kingdom. And, in 1Cor.6:9–10 says that if we are unrighteous, we will not inherit the kingdom. Overcomers will be with Christ inherit the kingdom, includes the Throne, The scepter(HEB1:8),The crown.(2Tim4:8)

James and John approached Jesus and said, *Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.* (Mar10:35–45) Jesus explained to them that they did not know or understand what they were asking. "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" Jesus' reply indicates that this would involve sharing in his suffering, awaiting Him through His death for the sins of all mankind. *But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!*(Luk12:50) The baptism of suffering, Jesus was to be immersed in suffering, that the pouring out of a drink offering is a symbol for the blood Jesus spilled on the cross. James and John replied that they could endure the same suffering and be "baptized with the baptism". Then Jesus explains that it is God's decision who takes the seats of honor in Heaven, "*Those places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.*" Jesus said Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life; and encourages his disciples to follow in his lead. Paul took the symbol, using image of a drink offering to describe his service to God.(2TI4:6;PHI2:17) and died as a martyr for his faith.

Some Corinthians have become arrogant in their judgment, forgetting that all the good they have is gift and grace. They feel self-reliant in their own perspective and conclusion. By making themselves judges, they proudly focused on status. *It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes.*(1Cor4:5) Only Lord can judge His servants. Based on Lord's verdict, each servant will receive praise from God what they deserve

Will you be an overcomer! Do you want a place in the New Jerusalem? Do you want to be a Pillar in the Temple of God? Do you looking for "the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" Will you respond to the call of Jesus to Overcome? *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God.*(REV3:12) I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone. Jesus as a living stone, and to us his followers as living stones. built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. *Christ Jesus himself as the Chief Cornerstone.*(EPH2:20;ISA28:16)

Don't give up! God grant break through - the fear-based Spirit, evil speaking Spirit, idolatrous Spirit, humiliating Spirit, wandering Spirit, deceptive Spirit, discouraging Spirit – In Jesus' Name! Bible provides the instructions for the good fight. The wilderness experience reveals Overcomers. Let us make move towards our possession. There is your land, but Jordan rolls between. Lord's people have to endure in their seeking inheritance by divine strength that they may get out of the terrible wilderness and come to Mount Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem. We shall see face to face with God when we enter God's glorious presence in heaven. The new heaven and new earth are the eternal state and will be where righteousness dwells. There is tranquility, do you not desire it? There is joy unspeakable, full of glory; do you not wish for it? There is worth; do you not hunger for it? *The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.*(PSA37:29)