

Inheritance What Is It and Who Gets It

In this study, we will look at things God committed Himself to give
and who will receive them.

At the Lord's call of Abram God gave him a list of **promises**:

Gen 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country (Ur, of the Chaldees, who were inhabitants of Babylonia), and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house,

unto **a land** that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee **a great nation**,

and I will bless thee,

and make thy name great;

and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee,

and curse him that curseth thee:

and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

God told Abram to walk around the boundries of the promised land:

Gen 13:14-17 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For **all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.**

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 **Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.**

The Lord showed Abram how great his heirs would be in number - when He gave witness of Abram's justification and repeated His promise of the land:

Gen 15:5-7 And he (the Lord) brought him (Abram) forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And **he believed in the LORD;**

and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, **to give thee this land to inherit it.** (also Gen 15:18)

God expanded His promise to Abram when He changed his name to be Abraham to make him a father of MANY nations - not just of one nation:

Gen 17:4-5 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be **a father of many nations.**

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for **a father of many nations** have I made thee.

The land of promise would be for **ETERNITY with God:**

Gen 17:7-8 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art **a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**

David delivered a psalm about God's promised inheritance to Abraham:

Psa 105:8-12 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which covenant he made with **Abraham**, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto **Jacob** for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give **the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:**

12 When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and **strangers in it.** (also 1 Chron 16:13-19)

Abraham realized that the city he was searching for was heavenly:

Heb 11:8-10 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should **after receive for an inheritance, obeyed;** and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in **the land of promise, as in a strange country,** dwelling in tabernacles with **Isaac and Jacob,** **the heirs with him of the same promise:**

10 For **he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

Abraham knew this city was built by God - not an earthly one, built by man.

For faithful saints, the heavenly city is in the heavenly country:

Heb 11:13-16 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

14 For they that say such things **declare plainly that they seek a country.**

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now **they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.**

The eternal promised land is the heavenly city of NEW Jerusalem:

Heb 12:22-24 But **ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,**
and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven,** and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,** and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

The OLD covenant had an EARTHLY city of Jerusalem - in BONDAGE.

The NEW covenant in Jesus' blood has Jerusalem which is HEAVENLY -
in FREEDOM:

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons,
• the one (Ishmael) by a bondmaid (Hagar, or Agar),
• the other (Isaac) by a freewoman (Sarah).

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh;
but he of the freewoman was **by promise.**

24 Which things are **an allegory:** (like a figure of speech)
for **these are the two covenants;**

the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to **Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.**

26 But **Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

When will the inheritance come? It will come, as a bride, when Jesus Christ the Bridegroom comes to gather His bride at the wedding of the Lamb:

Rev 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:
for **the marriage of the Lamb is come,**
and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of **saints.**

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

His wife is His saints who are prepared and ready for the marriage:

Rev 21:1-2 And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth:** for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
2 And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

Who has the bride? John the Baptist pointed to Christ as the Groom:

John 3:27-29-a John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not **the Christ,** but that I am sent before him.

29-a **He that hath the bride is the bridegroom:**

Christ is the Bridegroom. Who is the bride of Christ? According to God, through PAUL **we are!** (even though 'mid-Acts-ers' deny it):

2 Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy:
for **I have espoused you to one husband,**
that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The church the saints is His virgin His bride His wife:

Eph 5:31-32 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and **shall be joined unto his wife,** and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery:

but I speak concerning **Christ and the church.** (also Rom 7:4)

The inheritance is for those who overcome. It will be received at the restitution of all things (Acts 3:21) in the coming day of God, when righteousness will dwell in the new heavens and the new earth, according to His promise (2 Pet 3:12):

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3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Isa 25:8, 30:19, 35:10, 60:20, 61:3, 65:18-19)

5 And he that sat upon the throne said,

Behold, **I make all things new.** (2 Cor 5:17)

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (John 4:14, Rev 22:17)

7 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things;** (Rom 8:32; 1 Cor 3:21-23, 15:27-28; 2 Cor 6:10; 2 Pet 1:3)

and **I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

That is the **very same inheritance** that God, through PAUL,

promised to the **saints in the church of God,**

when **the mystery of God** (Col 2:2, Rev 10:7) will be finished:

2 Cor 6:16-18 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God;** as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and **I** will receive you,

18 And **will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,** saith the Lord Almighty.

We are the sons of God (1 John 3:1-2, Gal 4:6, Phil 2:15).

We are His children and thus, His heirs:

Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,
that **we are the children of God:**

17 **And if children, then heirs;**

heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Abraham's true children must always be those who are 'of faith':

Gal 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

God gave the inheritance to Abraham by promise --- not by the law:

Gal 3:18 For if **the inheritance** be of the law, it is no more of promise:
but **God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

God's promise is for all believers those who have the faith of Christ:

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, **that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

We who are in Christ, are also the children of Abraham (Gal 3:7):

Gal 3:29 And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

The seed of Abraham that will inherit the promise are not those of the flesh

Rom 9:7-8 **Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children:** but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**

We Gentiles are among those who will receive the promised inheritance:

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and **to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

Jesus gave this message of inheritance to Saul (Paul) at his calling.

It included believing Gentiles WITH believing Jews receiving the same inheritance by faith in Christ:

Acts 26:16-18 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people,
and from **the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,**

18 To open their (Gentiles) eyes,
and to turn them (Gentiles) from darkness to light,
and from the power of Satan unto God,
that they (Gentiles) may receive forgiveness of sins, and

inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Jesus prophesied that His sheep, those who are blessed of His Father,
will inherit God's kingdom:

Matt 25:31-34 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set **the sheep** on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:** (also Psa 37:22)

To be completely clear about it so you will not be deceived

those who will NOT inherit the kingdom of God are listed in Eph 5:5-7;

1 Cor 6:9-11, and Gal 5:19-21.

Those who have everlasting life in immortal, incorruptible bodies

.... will be the ones who receive eternal inheritance:

1 Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;** neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Paul prayed that the saints and faithful brethren in Christ (Col 1:2)

would praise God for their participation in the inheritance of His kingdom:

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto **the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,
and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

Peter assured the elect (1 Pet 1:2) about inheritance with wonderful detail:

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again (also Titus 3:5) unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,
and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The new testament was secured by Jesus' death for those that are called:

Heb 9:15 And for this cause **he (Jesus) is the mediator of the new testament**, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, **they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

Paul prayed for faithful, chosen saints to know the inheritance that awaits:

Eph 1:15-18 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

Do YOU know what your inheritance is?

This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"