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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Adoption and Heirship – Part 2 Romans 8:13–17



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“Wife-Beaters’ Bible” (Matthew’s Bible, 1537):

A footnote to 1 Peter 3:7 is rendered “And if she be not obedient and heapeful unto him, endevoareth to beat the fear of God into her head, that thereby she may be compelled to learn her duty and do it.”

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“Place-makers’ Bible” (Geneva, 1562):

In the second edition of the Geneva Bible, Matthew 5:9 reads “Blessed are the placemakers: for they shall be called the children of God”.

**Psa. 119:161, “Princes persecute me without a cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your word.”**

Ex. 20:14, “You shall not commit adultery.”

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“Adulterers’ Bible” (KJV, 1631):

Exodus 20:14, rendering it “Thou shalt commit adultery.”

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**“Unrighteous Bible” (KJV, 1653; Cambridge Press):
1 Corinthians 6:9 lacks the word “not” and reads
“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall inherit the
kingdom of God?”**

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“Fools’ Bible” or “The Fools Bible” (KJV, 1763):

Psalm 14:1 reads, “the fool hath said in his heart there is a God”, rather than “...there is no God”.

The printers were fined £3,000 and all copies ordered destroyed.

Rom 8:15, “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’ ”

Rom. 8:14, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons [*huios*] of God.”

Rom. 8:16, “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children [*teknon*] of God,”

The Doctrine of Heirship

Is “inheritance” a synonym for receiving eternal life?

Is an inheritance earned, given, or both?

What exactly is the meaning of inheritance?

Rom 8:17, “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*.”

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1. κληρονόμος, *klyronomos*, n. inheritance, possession, property

κληρονομέω, *klyronomeo*, v. to possess, to receive as one's own possession, to obtain

2. Christ is the heir of all things.

Heb. 1:2, “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.”

3. Heirship is based on Adoption, Sonship, therefore inheritance is related to positional truth.

Gal. 3:29, “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gal. 4:1, “Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,”

4. Heirship is based on the grace promise of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Gal. 3:29, “And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.”

5. Heirship demands eternal life, because the son must have the same life as the Father.

Titus 3:5, “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,”

Titus 3:6, “whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Titus 3:7, “that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

6. Heirship means to share the destiny of Christ. Christ has an eternal destiny, we share it as we share His election.

Eph. 1:11, “also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,”

1 Pet. 1:3, “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,”

7. Inheritance is both a present reality and a future possession.

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1 Pet. 1:4, “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 Pet. 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Eph. 1:13, “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,

Eph. 1:14, “who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”

8. Heirship means eternal security, an inheritance undefiled, Eph. 1:13–14.

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

1 Pet. 1:5, “who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

9. God the Holy Spirit is the downpayment on our inheritance, Gal. 4:6.

Gal. 4:6, “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ ”

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10. The Problem:

Some passages speak of inheritance as a *gift*, but others speak of it as a reward.

A gift is free.

A reward is earned.

Eph. 5:5, “For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

Gal. 5:19, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal. 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal. 5:21, “envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”

11. Conclusion. There are two categories of inheritance:

Inherit the kingdom, Eph. 5:5; 1 Cor. 6:9–10

Inherit salvation, Heb. 1:14

Rom. 8:17, “and if children, heirs also, heirs of God, and fellow heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”

12. Just as Christ inherits the kingdom (Ps. 2:8–9) due to His loyalty to God the Father (Heb. 1:8–9 quoting Ps. 45:6–7) so will the joint heirs with Christ.

Heb. 1:8, “But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Heb. 1:9, “ ‘You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’ ”

13. Difference between *living* and *reigning* with Christ is found in 2 Tim. 2.

**Dying with Christ = Baptism of the Holy Spirit;
Reigning is based on endurance.**

2 Tim. 2:11, “It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

2 Tim. 2:12, “If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us;

2 Tim. 2:13, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself.”

14. Thus the kingdom has been promised to those who love God and not all believers love God. Love for God is expressed through obedience to God (John 14:21–24).

15. Illustration: Esau

Heb. 12:16, “that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

Heb. 12:17, “For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.”

Gen. 27:38, “And Esau said to his father, ‘Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.’ So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

Gen. 27:39, “Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, ‘Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, and away from the dew of heaven from above.

Gen. 27:40, “ ‘And by your sword you shall live, and your brother you shall serve; But it shall come about when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck.’ ”

*****Esau loses inheritance blessing, but not his position as Isaac's son.**