

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Inheritance
Ephesians 1:14

1. The Church Age believer is made a new possession of God's, "in Christ."

Eph. 1:11, "In addition, it was through union with Him we were made His possession by His laying claim to us according to His purpose who works all these things according to the counsel of His will." [~RD]

[consistent with *NET, ASV, Ols, et. al.*]

Deut. 4:20, “But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.”

Deut. 14:2, “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

Deut. 32:9, “For the LORD’S portion [Septuagint (LXX) *meris*] is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.”

***Meris* The word has legal connotations similar to נַחֲלָה, *nahalah*, “give as a possession” but with the more specific implication of what is granted. ~TWOT**

2. That we are marked [sealed] as a new possession is reinforced by the phrase, “the redemption of the purchased possession,” in 1:14.

Eph. 1:14, “who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”

1. This reinforces the idea of corporate election. It is IN HIM that we are made a possession.

2. The idea of being made His possession fits nicely with being sealed by the Spirit in vs. 13.

3. This reinforces the teaching of eternal security. We are saved eternally because of our position In Christ which cannot be lost.

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when you heard the word of truth (the
gospel of your salvation)—In Whom (Him),
when you believed—you were sealed by
the Holy Spirit of promise,” [~RD]**

ETERNAL REALITIES



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

Baptism by the Holy Spirit

Indwelt by the Spirit

Sealed by the Spirit

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πιστεύω *pisteuo*

**aor act part masc
plur nom**

to believe, trust

σφραγίζω *sphragizo*

**2 plur aor pass
indic**

to seal

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ἄρραβών *arrabon*
masc sing nom
down payment, a
pledge guarantee,
paying the first
installment

κληρονομία
kleronomia
fem sing gen
inheritance,
possession,
property

2 Cor. 1:22, “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

2 Cor. 5:5, “Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

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ἀπολύτρωσις

apolutrosis

Noun fem sing

acc

**redemption,
release due to the
payment of a
price**

περιποίησις

peripoiesis

fem sing gen

possession

What the Bible Teaches About

Inheritance



1. In Ephesians we have the following forms of the word:

κληρόω *kleroo* verb “to appoint by lot, choose”; Eph. 1:11

κληρονομία *kleronomia* Noun

**“inheritance, possession, property;”
Eph. 1:14, 18; 5:5**

**2. Inherit has the core semantic meaning of
“possession, property, ownership.”**

Acts 7:5, “And God gave him [Abraham] no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when *Abraham* had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.”

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κατάσχεσις

kataschesis

**fem sing acc
possession**

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1–13

“land”

“seed”

“blessing”

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 29

“land”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

“seed”

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

“blessing”

**Gen. 12:1, “Now the LORD had said to Abram:
‘Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.**

**Gen. 12:2, “ ‘I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.**

**Gen. 12:3, “ ‘I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed.’ ”**

Gen. 12:6, “Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

Gen. 12:7, “Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”

Gen. 15:18, “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—’ ”

Gen. 17:7, “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

Gen. 17:8, “Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

3. Inheritance in relationship to Abraham can be related to the land promise or the seed promise, but it is always related to the idea of the divine promise.

Galatians 3:18, “For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.”

Romans 4:13, “For the promise that he would be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:14, “For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,”

4. Inheritance is related to rewards for what is earned for service, whereas salvation is a free gift.

Colossians 3:24, “[because you] know that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. Y’all serve the Lord Christ!” [~RD]

δουλεύω

douleuo

**2 plur pres act
impera**

**“to serve as a
slave”**