

# Ephesians Series

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# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Inheriting the Kingdom**

**Ephesians 1:14; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10;**

**Ephesians 5:5; Galatians 5:19–21**

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

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

**κληρονομία**  
***kleronomia***  
**fem sing gen**  
**inheritance,**  
**possession,**  
**property**

**1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

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

**κληρονομία**

***kleronomia***

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**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**

## **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.***

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**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.”

# What the Bible Teaches About

## *Inheritance as Possession*



## **5. Conclusion**

**Though not all have an inheritance in the Land, all have God as their inheritance and possession.**

**Thus the Old Testament teaches two categories of inheritance:**

- inheritance of God for all believers**
- an inheritance that is not for all believers**

# What the Bible Teaches About

## *Heirship*



**Is “inheritance” a synonym for receiving eternal life?**

**Is an inheritance earned, given, or both?**

**What exactly is the meaning of inheritance and what does it mean to “inherit the kingdom of God?”**

## **9. Conclusion. There are two categories of inheritance (Rom. 8:17)**

- Inherit the kingdom, Eph. 5:5;  
1 Cor. 6:9–10**
- Inherit salvation, Heb. 1:14**

**Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs --  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if  
indeed we suffer with Him, that we may  
also be glorified together.”**

Time to eat children!



Commas save lives.

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**Johnny said the teacher was stupid**

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**“Verily, I say unto thee, This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43  
~KJV**

**... “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43  
~NKJV, and Protestant translations**

**“Verily, I say unto thee this day, thou shalt be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43  
~Some Roman Catholic translations**

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man haue not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sinne: but the spirit is life, because of righteousnesse.

11 But if the spirit of him that raised vp Iesus from the dead, dwell in you: he that raised vp Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortall bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to liue after the flesh.

13 For if ye liue after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the spirit doe mortifie the deeds of the body, ye shall liue.

14 For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.

15 For ye haue not receiued the spirit of bondage againe to feare: but ye haue receiued the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, father.

16 The spirit it selfe beareth witnes with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

17 And if children, then heires, heires of God, and ioynt heires with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that wee may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon, that the sufferings of this present time, are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be reuealed in vs.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature, waiteth for the manifestation of the sonnes of God.

20 For the creature was made subiect to vanitie, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subiected the same in hope:

21 Because the creature it selfe also shall bee deliuered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious libertie of the children of God.

22 For wee know that the whole creation groaneth, and trauaileth in paine together vntill now.

23 And not only they, but our selues also which haue the first frutes of the spirit, euen we our selues groane within our selues, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For wee are saued by hope: but hope that is seene, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if wee hope for that wee see not, then doe wee with patience waite for it.

26 Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what wee should pray for as wee ought: but the spirit it selfe maketh intercession for vs with groanings, which cannot bee vttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the minde of the spirit, because he maketh intercession for the Saints, according to the will of God.

28 And wee know that all things worke together for good, to them that loue God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his sonne, that hee might bee the first borne amongst many brethren.

30 Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also iustified: and whom he iustified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall wee then say to these things? If God be for vs, who can bee against vs?

32 He that spared not his owne son, but deliuered him vp for vs all: how shall hee not with him also freely giue vs all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Gods elect? It is God that iustificieth:

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen againe, who is euen at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for vs.

35 Who shall separate vs from the loue of Christ: shall tribulation, or distresse, or persecution, or famine, or nakednesse, or perill, or sword?

36 (As it is written,\* for thy sake we are killed all the day long, wee are accounted as sheepe for the slaughter.)

37 Nay in all these things wee are more then conquerours, through him that loued vs.

38 For I am perswaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate vs from the loue of God, which is in Christ Iesus our Lord.

CHAP. IX.

1 Paul is sory for the Iewes. 7 All the seed of Abraham

|| Or, because of his spirit.

|| Or, euery creature.

\* Luke 21. 28.

|| Or, that

\* Psal. 44. 22.

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**Rom. 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.” ~ESV, NIV**

**Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”**

**Two types of heirs:**

- **Heirs of God: all believers**
- **Joint heirs with Christ: for those who grow spiritually**

# **The Problem Passages:**

**1 Cor. 6:9–11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5**

**1 Cor. 6:9, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,**

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## **About Corinth:**

- 1. A Roman colony for military veterans and freedmen.**
- 2. A port city that brought sailors, slaves, Greeks, Asians, Egyptians, Europeans together.**
- 3. A city with a worldwide reputation for evil, immorality, and lasciviousness.**

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**ἄδικος *adikos***

**masc plur gen unjust;  
unrighteous;**

**BDAG: “pertaining to  
acting in a way that is  
contrary to what is right”**

**1 Cor. 6:1, “Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?”**

**1 Cor. 6:2, “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”**

**Thayer: 1. unjust, 2. unrighteous or sinful, 3. deceitful.**

**BAGD: unjust, dishonest or untrustworthy.**

**Abbott-Smith: 1. unjust, 2. unrighteous or wicked.**

**1 Cor. 6:6, “But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers [*apistos*]!”**

***adikos = unjust, unrighteous***

**This can be**

- **an unrighteous unbeliever**

**or**

- **an unrighteous believer**

**1 Cor. 6:7, “Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong [*adikeo*]? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?**

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**Were they in danger of being deceived that unbelievers would not inherit the kingdom?**

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**Some =  
believers**

**You =  
Unbelievers**

**1**

**“Some” and  
“all” are  
rhetorical. All  
are viewed as  
positionally  
saved.**

**2**

**3**

**You =  
Believers  
still immersed in  
the Corinthian  
cesspool  
of carnality.**

**Some =  
a few  
growing  
believers**

**Col. 3:23, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,**

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