

Our Inheritance – Eternal Life

I Peter 1:3-25

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1. **Inheritance** - Something received (property or a title, for example) from an ancestor by legal succession or will.
 - a. Received by bequest or as a legacy.
 - b. Received or taken over from a predecessor: Ex: *The new administration inherited the economic problems of the last four years.*
 - c. Biology: To receive (a characteristic) from one's parents by genetic transmission.
 - d. To gain (something) as one's right or portion.

Acts 20:23 ...his grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified.

Romans 8:16-17 ...The Spirit bear witness with our spirits that we are children of God,... the heirs,... and joint-heirs with Christ....

Ephesians 1:14 ...sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance.

Titus 3:7That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrew 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of Salvation?

- We are born again unto a living hope since the resurrection of Christ from the dead and unto an eternal inheritance (eternal life)
- We are shielded by God's power through faith until the coming of our salvation which is to be revealed at the coming of Christ.
- Trials come so that our faith, of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Christ shall appear.

- The goal of our faith is the salvation of our souls.
- This salvation the prophets of old, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with great care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when they preached of the suffering of Christ and the glories that would follow.
- It was revealed to them that those things would not occur during their lifetime, but long years later.
- Even the angels desired to understand the mystery of our salvation