

Inheritance and Sonship - Part 2

Key Verse

Exploring the Bible

I. What Do We Inherit?

Hebrews 1:2 - but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Question: In the last days how has God spoken to us?

Answer:

Question: Who was appointed an heir of all things?

Answer:

Jesus inherits everything! It sounds like a newspaper headline but instead it is the truth of this verse. If we are joint heirs with Christ, then we are heirs of everything just as Jesus Christ is heir of all things.

Psalms 2:7 – 8 – I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”

Question: What does the father offer the son as his inheritance?

Answer:

If we are joint heirs with Christ, then the nations also become our inheritance. Like Jesus we need only to ask to receive this inheritance.

Romans 8:32 - He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Question: Who was not spared by the Father?

Answer:

Question: What does the Father freely give us because of this?

Answer:

1 Corinthians 3:21 – 23 - So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Question: How much is yours?

Answer:

Making us heirs of everything was our Papa God's idea. He did not spare His own son Jesus but offered Him as the ransom for our sins so that He could give us everything. Our Papa God loves us beyond anything we can comprehend because of the great plan He has enacted on our behalf.

2 Peter 1:3 - His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Question: How much has been given to us for life and godliness?

Answer:

We have been given everything we need to live our life and walk in godliness. We lack nothing.

II. Inheritance and Provision

Read *2 Samuel 9*

Question: What does David restore to Mephibosheth (verse 7)?

Answer:

Question: Where does Mephibosheth eat (verse 10)?

Answer:

Mephibosheth is the grandson of King David's arch enemy King Saul. Yet because of the love that David had for Mephibosheth's father, David shows kindness to him and treats him as one of his own sons. He restores the inheritance to Mephibosheth and has him eat at the King's table every day. Mephibosheth is honored in stature and provision of food as one of the King's sons. His inheritance is to give him provision for everything

else. He lives in Jerusalem so he can dine daily with the King. His inheritance allows him to be with the King and still be well provided for.

III. When To We Receive Our Inheritance?

In our culture the person who made the will has to die before the inheritance becomes available. But we are dealing with an everlasting God who will never die. In Roman culture the son had to attain a certain age before he could inherit. So, when exactly do we get our inheritance. Do we have to die and go to heaven to get our inheritance or is it something available now? Let's look at some verses and see what they say about this.

1 Peter 1: 3 – 4 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

Question: Where is this inheritance being kept for us?

Answer:

Our inheritance is an eternal inheritance. Our inheritance is so great that we could never get into even the smallest portion of it here on earth. In fact there are many things in our inheritance that can only exist and be available to us in heaven. So we have the promise that there is an inheritance that is waiting for us that can never be stolen or perish or spoil in any way.

Ephesians 1:11

Question: Have we already obtained our inheritance?

Answer:

Here it says that we have already obtained our inheritance. This sounds like the exact opposite of the previous verse. What we have obtained as an inheritance, what we have access to of that inheritance on this earth, and what we have preserved as an inheritance for us in heaven are different things but all part of the same great inheritance.

Psalm 2:7 – 8 - I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."

We looked at these verses previously. God the Father is telling his son Jesus to ask Him for the nations as His inheritance. God the Father will give them to Him. But, as we have seen in previous lessons, when we were born again we were placed "in Christ." We have also seen that we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. That means that if we ask for the nations as our inheritance we will receive the nations as our inheritance. If I don't get my full inheritance until heaven, what good does it do to ask for the nations as an inheritance? This is part of the inheritance that we receive now, not later. Let's look at this promise a little further.

Read *Genesis 15:1 – 6*

Question: What does the Lord promised to give to Abraham (verse 4)?

Answer:

Abraham was childless. Here God gives Abraham the promise of an inheritance through offspring that would come from his own body. The number of offspring throughout the generations would be like the stars in the sky, innumerable. Eventually, it would not only be physical offspring but also spiritual offspring as those who believed in Jesus Christ by faith would be counted as his offspring also.

Romans 4:13 – 16 - It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

Question: What were Abraham and his offspring promised to inherit (verse 13)?

Answer:

Question: How do we get this inheritance (verse 16)?

Answer:

If you weren't sure that the Father was talking to you in Psalm 2:7 – 8 about asking for and receiving the nations as an inheritance, this passage should clear up any doubt.

Through faith in Jesus Christ we become the offspring of Abraham and therefore the rightful heirs of this world. That means that when we believe we become heirs of the world. If it doesn't happen until after we die, then how do we become heirs of the world. This can only happen if we receive this inheritance, the world, now.

Practical Exercise:

Have a conversation this week with your heavenly Father about inheriting the nations. Think about what nations you might want to ask for as an inheritance. You can begin to touch the world by asking for the nations as an inheritance.