

Our Inheritance in Christ

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God has given us, through the great work of His Son on Calvary's Cross, everything we need and desire for this present life and also everything we need for our preparation for eternal life. To receive that inheritance that relates to this present life is the only real preparation for eternal life. That makes it very important that we find out and receive the things that God has so freely given us for this present life.

Everything He does is within the sphere of these three things. The first is the Atonement of Christ. The second, the power of God alone apart from any human means, help, or plan. It is the power of the Holy Spirit which He uses to accomplish all results and to do everything we need and desire for our deliverance and blessing in everything here and for our preparation for eternal life.

The third is God's Word. Everything that God ever did for you or I, or ever will do, is according to the plan given us in His Word. The full benefit of the Atonement of Christ and the full benefits of God's presence and power will depend altogether on our attitude to and our following the plan given us in God's Word exactly as it is given, without any addition or subtraction.

All that God's Word ever teaches is that we are to place in His hands the things we would like to have done and depend upon Him alone to do it. We have the great God of Heaven with us and for us every moment, loving us as He loves His only Son, He is intensely eager to do everything we need and desire from the least to the greatest. The moment we accept the plan to trust in Him alone, His full power will work for us in not only giving us what we need and desire but also the light and strength to receive it.

All the trouble that ever came into this world was because Adam and Eve listened to Satan and turned from God's Word to Satan's word. The great difference between these two words is that Satan always inspires us to trust in ourselves or some other human being or plan. God's Word teaches that we should depend on Him alone for everything.

Every evil thing that has ever cursed this world have been the direct result of refusing to follow God's Word or trust in the living God alone. In the Garden of

Eden, where God alone was depended upon, perfect happiness reigned supreme and everything that was needed or desired was fully provided and enjoyed.

But when Adam and Eve allowed Satan to get them away from God's Word, and to accept his word, everything changed. The only possible way to get rid of all these evil things is to reject Satan's word and plans and accept God's Word and trust in Him alone as it teaches.

God's Word cannot be changed. Our loving Heavenly Father, who created everything, is perfect in wisdom, perfect in love and perfect in mercy and power, and you and I can rest assured that God has never put one thing in this Word that was not necessary.

He has put in this Word, through His infinite wisdom, exactly the things that you and I need to know, and His Word contains a plan of life that is perfect. Therefore, we are to accept His Word just as it is given in all its simplicity, purity, and unchangeableness.

In the New Testament and the Old as far as it relates to the New, He gives us examples to show how His Word is to be applied to get the desired results. It is a Word and plan that every human being on earth should follow. In fact, every human being is responsible to prove the teachings of this Word for themselves.

God does not ask anyone to do anything in their own strength or to understand this Word of themselves. The Holy Spirit has been sent to give us all the light and all the strength we need, to see and understand the plan of life given in this Word. If anyone listens to Satan, whether they are conscious of it or not, and follow his plan; they will be wholly responsible for the terrible things that will happen to them in this life and also wholly responsible for their terrible fate of spending eternity in the Lake of Fire.

We are told in the Hebrews 11, that Noah, "being warned of God, prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by the which he condemned the whole world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

It is exactly the same today and in all other ages of history, that wherever one person would settle it to listen to God and prove His wonderful love, mercy and power--any other one could, if they would. And anyone that does not do it is condemned just as much as the world was that perished in the Flood.

The Bible is simple and plain, and the Holy Spirit is always present to give any needed light and strength to understand it and obey it. Under the Law we had to obey it in our own strength, but under the Gospel, God never asked us to do one thing in our own strength or to see one thing with our own natural mind. The Holy Spirit has come into this world to give us all the light, and all the strength we need or desire to accept this Word and follow out its plan to get wonderful results.

We are warned in God's Word that we are not to listen to anyone who does not preach the Word just as it reads and as it was taught in the Bible. Jesus said that we were to beware of wolves that came to us in sheep's clothing. This meant that we were not to listen to any professed teacher of God's Word who did not teach it in all its purity.

God has never changed, and Jesus Christ and His Atoning work has never changed, neither has the Word and plan of God changed nor the standard of Christian life that it teaches in His Word. Anything He ever did in the Bible; He will do for people today if they will give Him the same chance.

It is a most serious sin and a direct disobedience of God's Word to belong to or attend any church where they do not teach the real Truth of God. No one with the least spiritual light, who has been truly born again and surrendered their life and been filled with the Spirit, could ever have any desire to attend any church where they do not teach the real Truth of God or have anything to do with them, much less attend their services and listen to their teaching.

There could be no greater sin, no more demoniacal thing than to profess to belong to God and to be a follower of Christ, and yet all the while live according to the will of Satan. God will make these things very plain to us and He will do the same to any truly repentant or surrendered person. Satan's greatest delight is to get people to profess to belong to God and yet do his will by trusting in man and doing exactly as the world does in every part of their life.

There are only two spirits that control humanity. One is Satan's, the other is God's. There is not a human being who could say, "I am neither under the control of God or the devil." There are no other powers that control humanity but God or the devil, and everyone who

is not under the power of the Holy Spirit is under the full power and control of the devil. This is what John meant when he said, "The whole world lieth under the control of the Evil One." Paul also said, "He is the spirit that worketh in the sons of disobedience." And Jesus said, "He was the ruler or prince of this world."

The Holy Spirit is a master workman and a perfect teacher, and we have examples in the Bible that fit every kind of person and every kind of a disposition. The harder the case is from a human standpoint, the easier it is from God's standpoint.

The great lesson that you and I are to learn, under the teaching and guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to find out, believe and follow exactly the plan given in this Word. Then the full power of God will be manifested to deliver us, bless us, make us happy, and protect us. We will enter into our great inheritance which has been given us for this present life in the Atonement of Christ and also be really and truly prepared for eternal life. The Atonement of Christ has given us everything.

Peter said, "*His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness.*" It means everything from the least to the greatest that you and I could desire in this present life and to be fully ready for eternal life.

We have been given everything we need and desire spiritually, perfect healing, perfect health, and protection for our entire bodies apart from the slightest human means or help--perfect peace within and perfect peace without, perfect peace and victory in our homes and with our loved ones, perfect victory in all our financial affairs. Paul tells us in Romans 8, that we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. This means that we have as much right to receive the benefits of God's power and wealth of every kind as Jesus Christ has.

We are to be developed until we come to the place where we would rather die than do anything but what God's Word says and would rather die than trust in anything or anybody but Him. Then we will enter into our full inheritance of perfect happiness, perfect victory and the fulness of everything we need or desire. We will also, for the first time, be really and truly prepared for eternal life.

God's Word contains the only plan whereby we will ever get what we need and desire here and also how

we will ever be prepared for eternal life. It gives us the best route and the only route from sin to righteousness, from trouble to peace, from sickness to health and from poverty to prosperity.

Whenever any circumstance arises in a real Christian's life, the first thought and their only course of action is to find out, believe and follow what God's Word says exactly as it is written. When we do this, it makes no difference what kind of trouble we are in or what we need and desire; it will bring us to perfect victory and prove a real stepping-stone towards perfect happiness here and eternal life hereafter. .

No one could obey this Word, or follow its teaching without eliminating every human help, every human plan and every dependence on anything or anybody but the living God. What a great privilege it is to prove all the teachings of this doctrine for ourselves, to learn, under the teaching and guidance and control of the Holy Spirit, to find out, believe and obey what God's Word says, as it says it-- to trust in the living God alone instead of man.

No one could obey this Word without becoming perfected in their faith in God. Faith can only work through a word, spoken or written. Real faith will always take the advice of anyone in whom they have confidence in human affairs, and it is the same in the divine life. For anyone to say that they have faith in God and not obey His Word, would prove by their actions that they had no faith in God at all. In 1st John 2:4, John tells us, "*He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*"

Jesus also said that if we did not love Him, we would not obey His Word. In 1st John 2:5 John tells us, that anyone who had learned to obey His Word in all things; in him verily the love of God is perfected. And he said, "hereby we know that we are in Him."

The Word of God strikes a death blow at everything we love more than we love God. The whole story is summed up in Jeremiah 17:5-10. Here God tells us that "cursed is the man that trusteth in man, " which includes himself, all self-effort, all self-confidence or trusting in any other man or human plan for what they need and desire in this life. "But blessed," or very happy, "is the man that trusteth in the Lord. He furthermore tells us in the 9th verse that concerning this trusting in man and

trusting in God, "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked," and that the only way it will ever be discovered and gotten rid of is by God Himself searching the hearts and trying the reigns which He does for every really surrendered person.

If we continue to trust in Him, we will receive fullness of blessing here and eternal life in Heaven, where we will share all the glories that He has for us throughout eternity. The human heart is born and filled with trusting in everything and everybody but God. It is the root of all sin, the cause of all trouble and the cause of everything that Satan has ever done in any way or to anybody in this entire world from the least to the greatest. It is also the seat of Satan's control. If it was never exposed, never gotten rid of, it would take everyone who had it to the Lake of Fire.

When we get into God's hands, there are circumstances and conditions that continually arise to expose this terribly evil human trust. For instance, one of the foundation pillars of this evil life is resentment and self-effort to right our wrongs. We would never know there was any of it in us until somebody did something mean and unjust to us.

We would never know of this hidden dependence upon man for the healing of our body until we were attacked. Paul said that he had the sentence of death in himself, in Roman Asia, that he might learn to trust in the living God instead of himself. We would never know of this hidden human trust financially until we came to the place of an empty pocket, an empty cupboard, and an empty stomach. We would never know of the evil and secret vice that is hidden in every human heart unless we were tempted by Satan or his agents along that line. God will do this for every really surrendered person as we settle it to lay aside every human trust and make our decision final to trust God alone in every temptation and trial, we can ask, believe, and receive a full deliverance. And God will not only give us the victory at once but the light and strength to receive it. And each trial will prove a long step towards the perfect happiness we have inherited in this life and a real preparation for eternal life.