

# OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

## Part 2

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1 Peter 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

In other words, God has promised true believers an inheritance, which is in heaven, that is incorruptible, undefiled, and lasts forever.

It is possible to receive an inheritance from someone that is in no way any good; for instance, we can inherit problems from another person, perhaps a coworker, and now we must deal with that issue. However, our inheritance in Christ, which is from God, is trustworthy, pure, and imperishable.

In part one, we were reminded that it is considered wise for people and businesses to know how much money they have so that they know what they have to spend or use for themselves or their business and to make sure that they have and are able to use everything that rightfully belongs to them and to make sure that nothing that belongs to them has been hidden or taken away from them.

It is of much greater importance that we check the books—the books of the Bible--- to make sure that we are fully aware of everything that belongs to us because of our inheritance in Christ so that we are claiming, receiving, and enjoying in this life, all that belongs to us and to make sure that Satan has not been able to rob us or hide from us anything that God has promised to us through Jesus' death on the Cross and His Resurrection to life.

We were also told that we must have the confidence from the sense of ownership that our inheritance in Christ belongs to us so much so that even God Himself cannot keep us out of it.

Part one reminded us that the majority of professing Christians are not claiming, receiving, and enjoying any part of their spiritual inheritance, their physical inheritance, or their financial inheritance because Satan has blinded them and robbed them.

They believe that their spiritual inheritance faded away, their physical inheritance disappeared about 2000 years ago, and their financial inheritance never existed.

Therefore, they look to the wisdom of men, the wisdom of the medical industry, and their own hard labor to try to get what they need. We were also reminded that only those parts of our inheritance that we claim, take, and use will be ours in reality.

We do not have to suffer and wait patiently or allow things to drag out and bear them patiently, because there is no power that can keep us out of our inheritance in Christ, for all things are ours.

Another point made was that we have an equal share of all that Jesus has received as an inheritance since we are joint heirs or equal heirs with Him.

2 Peter 1:3--"According as His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness."

It is all ours; and we have further details of just what we really have and the right to expect from the Lord in Isaiah 53:4-6. We have three rights or privileges covering every need and desire which man could have; it does not make any difference what it is, whether spiritual, physical, or financial, whatever it could be to make you righteous, happy, and well, and bring you to a place of perfect peace and victory in all things, is wrapped up in these three rights given to us by God Himself: anyone of them would be sufficient, but we have three.

The pastor then said that he was going to read from the literal translation to give the exact words of the prophet Isaiah. This is the exact Hebrew translation in exact English language. The object is to bring Isaiah, Peter, James, and John, and all the prophets and writers down here before us and have them speak to us in our language.

Young's translation takes us back to their language and puts it in our own language; what they said expressed in the best English which can be given.

"Who hath given credence to that which we heard?

And the arm of Jehovah,

On whom hath it been revealed?"

Whoever follows on in this plan will have the arm of Jehovah revealed; they will see the hand of God moving in their behalf" The moment we believe and take the story of the Cross in the New Testament or the type of the Cross in the Old Testament; the little lamb's blood, or the brazen serpent on the pole; the moment you are oppressed spiritually, physically, financially, in your home life, or whatever it might be, if you get under the Blood and touch that Atonement of Jesus hanging on the Cross, thus purchasing our redemption, whatever the trouble, it will disappear.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:18--"For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

In other words, the moment we hear and believe the story of the Cross there is a manifestation of God's power in deliverance immediately. It says here WHOEVER believes this story of what Jesus did on the Cross the arm of Jehovah is to be revealed unto them.

The hand of God was revealed in Bible times and is to be revealed today in saving from sin, in healing from disease, in protecting from danger, in bringing deliverance from our enemies, in supplying our needs and desires, in breaking Satan's power to oppress us.

"Yea, He cometh up as a tender plant before Him, And as a root out of a dry land, He hath no form, nor honor, when we observe Him, Nor appearance, when we desire Him.

He is despised, and left of men,

A man of pains, and, acquainted with sickness,

And as one hiding the face from us,

He is despised, and we esteemed Him not."

Here comes our Blood-bought rights:

"Surely our sickness He hath borne,

And our pains--He hath carried them."

The pastor was teaching on these two verses one time, and a sister was present who

was in a dreadful critical condition that only God could heal.

As she saw this illustration, the pastor said: "Suppose this book on my left hand had borne all the pains, sicknesses for the one on the right hand, would the one on the right hand have to bear what the left hand bore for it?"

You can easily figure that out; it is as easy as two and two makes four. If anyone bears something for another, they do not have to bear it, and the left handbook was bearing the burden of pain and sickness for the book on the right hand, which made the right handbook FREE.

That is what the Holy Spirit is trying to teach us through Isaiah; that we are free from sickness and pain, from a pin scratch to a cancer, from a little bruise to serious disease--that Jesus bore it all on the cross, every pain, from the slightest pain in your finger to long term pain. The moment you see this, that pain, that disease will disappear. We do not have to bear all this weakness in our body. People go around crying about their weaknesses; they cannot eat this, or do that kind of work, or the other.

Beloved, if anybody on earth ought to be able to do such things it is the person who is claiming to trust in the living God, according to Isaiah 40:28-31.

"Hast thou not known hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

They that wait--expect from Jehovah shall pass from weakness to power.

Beloved, our inheritance in Jesus is perfect health and victory for this body, as well as protection for same.

"Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, And our pains--He hath carried them."

The pastor then said that If there is any one in weakness, in pain, I trust that God, by His Spirit, will enable them to see every pain, ache,

and sickness nailed to the Cross; that it was borne 2000 years ago, because Jesus' body was broken that ours might have a right to be whole; through His bruises there was healing granted us. His body was broken that ours might never be broken.

"And we--we have esteemed Him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted, And He is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace is on Him."

Transgressions mean the sins we have committed, while iniquities mean this old, inward self, the seat of sin. The pastor said that I am so glad that not only my transgressions were cancelled at the Cross, but that deceitful self was nailed there also, and that I can be free of both.

The moment we see it, beloved, our sinful self, with all our transgressions, has been nailed to the Cross, and we have the privilege to live a righteous life because Jesus was pierced for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Ah, how inadequate words are to express what this means; The pastor said, "I can only give you a faint idea of its meaning. It means nothing in this world that men or Satan could do to harm us. It means all that could trouble or worry us spiritually, physically, or financially, or in our home life, or Christian work, or anywhere, or at any time; all the burdens, sorrows, and troubles which could disturb your peace have been nailed to the Cross, and you have a right to be peaceful and restful as the birds of the air and as a summer sky without a cloud on the horizon."

The pastor said, Beloved, let me entreat you to claim the peace that Jesus purchased on the Cross. It does not make any difference what your trouble, or who is causing it, or what has caused the sin in you, you have a right to have it removed and claim your inheritance of peace. The pastor continued. If your trouble comes through somebody else, I care not if it emptied Heaven and sent all the angels and Christ Himself down to remove that trouble, which disturbs your peace, it would be done, as Jesus gave His life to give us peace and He lives to carry it into effect, for all power and authority in

Heaven and in earth are His; even the elements obey Him, as He said, "Peace, be still."

Men and demons have to obey Him, and you can be kept in the secret of His pavilion from the strife of tongues and from everybody else which may disturb your peace.

The pastor said that if I could express to you the calm of soul and rest of heart, the peace that God gives which passeth all understanding that may abide and grow in our lives, regardless of men, whether true or false; I can see plainer today because of Jesus, for the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; therefore, we do not have to have the first ripple of trouble; there does not need to be a particle of trouble in your soul, or life, as your peace has no right to be disturbed; you need not have a featherweight of care, beloved; for when Jesus purchased perfect peace, He did it successfully for the full chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Think of that! All our troubles, all our cares, all our anxieties, are nailed to the Cross, and the moment we see it, beloved, there will come into your heart and life, a power from God, which will give us perfect peace; I care not what the trouble is, nor what it is being caused by.

"The chastisement of our peace is on Him, And by His bruises there is healing to us."....

Because His body was broken, we have a right to have perfect health, not only peace, but HEALTH.

"ALL of us like sheep have wandered, Each to his own way we have turned And Jehovah hath caused to meet on Him, The punishment of us all."

The pastor summed up the lesson in a few words; our sins, our sorrows, our troubles, our aches, our pains, our poverty, our needs have all been bundled up and tied together and nailed to the Cross of Jesus Christ, and the moment we believe it, the shackles will fall off, and we will enter into the rest that God has prepared for His people.



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