

JOYFUL INHERITANCE

1 Peter 1:1-9

(v.1-2)

(1) Election.

(2 Peter 3:9b) "...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

"There is nothing fatalistic or arbitrary about election as taught in the Scriptures. The gospel is to be preached to all, and all who believe it may be assured that they are numbered among the elect." - H. A. Ironside

(2) Sanctification.

spirit – pneuma: the rational spirit, the power by which the human being feels, thinks, decides.

(3) Redemption.

"This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words." - Exodus 24:8b

(Hebrews 9:13-15) For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

(v.3-5)

"Last times" – "glorified bodies," at the rapture of the church! (1 Cor. 15/1 Thess. 4:16-18).

1-Living Inheritance – (v.3)

(1 Corinthians 15:17-20) And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(John 14:6) "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

2-Incorruptible Inheritance. (v.4a)

(Isaiah 38:17b) But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

3-Undefiled Inheritance. (v.4) – pure, unstained, beyond the reach of decay.

(Ephesians 2:8-9) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

4-Sustained Inheritance – (v.4b)

“If we are faithless, He remains faithful, He cannot deny Himself!” (2 Timothy 2:13)

Meritocracy – one selected on the basis of their ability.

(Hebrews 7:25) Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

(John 14:2-4) In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

(John 10:29) My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

APPLICATION: (v.6-9)

“In this, we “greatly rejoice!”

(2 Corinthians 1:8-10) For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.

Need be moments take place when the burden is beyond your “measure” (estimated time of endurance), but not God’s!

(John 20:29) "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

(John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

“...for the joy of the Lord is our strength!” (Nehemiah 8:10b)

“...beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...” (Isaiah 61:3)

CONCLUSION:

"You belong to the sky and not to the earth. Stretch forth your wings (faith) and fly!"

(Deuteronomy 28:13) And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.