

## Our Heavenly Heritage

### Part 2

### Count on God

#### 1. Give thanks to God for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

<sup>15</sup>This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." *Ephesians 1:15-16 (CSB)*

<sup>6</sup>Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleading. <sup>7</sup>The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart celebrates, and I give thanks to him with my song.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is the strength of his people; he is a stronghold of salvation for his anointed. <sup>9</sup>Save your people, bless your possession, shepherd them, and carry them forever." *Psalms 28:6-9 (CSB)*

<sup>15</sup>See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray constantly, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup>Don't stifle the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Don't despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test all things. Hold on to what is good. <sup>22</sup>Stay away from every kind of evil." *1 Thessalonians 5:15-22 (CSB)*

#### 2. Call on God to give us a greater knowledge of Himself.

"... I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." *Ephesians 1:16-17 (CSB)*

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a wisdom among the mature, but not a wisdom of this age, or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God predestined before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age knew this wisdom, because if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But as it is written, **What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived— God has prepared these things for those who love**

him." *Isaiah 64:4* <sup>10</sup>Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God." *1 Corinthians 2:6-12 (CSB)*

#### 3. Count on God's Life Transforming Power in Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength. <sup>20</sup>He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens—<sup>21</sup>far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given; not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he subjected everything under his feet and appointed him as head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way." *Ephesians 1:18-23 (CSB)*

<sup>9</sup>Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, <sup>10</sup>no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. <sup>11</sup>And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." *1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (CSB)*

<sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." *Galatians 2:20 (CSB)*