



Our True Identity Part 3

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Key Scriptures:

Galatians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an **heir of God through Christ.**”

Heirs of God and Joint Heirs with Christ

When we gave our lives to Jesus Christ God brought us into His family as children and heirs. An heir is one who receives an inheritance by right of birth. We have been born again into the family of God with full rights to our inheritance in Jesus. It is important that we first know what our inheritance is by reading and understanding the Bible. Then we enforce our inheritance through our words proclaiming what Jesus has made available to us through His sacrifice.

Walking In Our Inheritance

1. We have an inheritance.

- a. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus (Galatians 4:6-7).
 - i. An heir is one who receives an inheritance by right of birth.
 - ii. We are joint heirs with Jesus (Romans 8:16-17).
 - iii. Ephesians says we have received an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11).
- b. The Word of God is the will of God.
 - i. We read what is in the Will to know our inheritance.

2. The benefits of our inheritance are not automatic.

- a. Our inheritance is something we must receive.
- b. 7 tribes were confronted for not receiving their inheritance (Joshua 18:1-3).
- c. David told his soul to bless the Lord and not forget His benefits (Psalm 103:1-5).
 - i. In Psalm 91:2 Moses said he would speak the protection of God.
- d. We receive our inheritance by declaring it over our lives.
- e. Jesus went to the cross and didn't open His mouth so that we can open ours (Isaiah 53:4-7).
 - i. Do not let the enemy shut us up. We need to speak up!
 - ii. Never run at your giant with your mouth closed. Speak the Word of God.

3. We are children of God and citizens of heaven with full rights.

- a. Paul spoke up about his Roman citizenship and was not beaten (Acts 22:25-30).
 - i. We are to speak up and not put up with the enemy harassing us.
 - ii. Paul knew his rights and we need to know ours.
- b. God qualified us for the inheritance of the kingdom of light (Colossians 1:12).
 - i. He has given us the ability and the right to receive our inheritance.
 - ii. Faith in Jesus is the way we obtain our inheritance.
 - iii. Faith begins where the will of God is known.

Supportive Scriptures

- **Colossians 2:10** (We are complete in Jesus.)
- **Galatians 4:6-7** (God has made us His children and heirs through Jesus.)
- **Romans 8:16-17** (We are joint heirs with Jesus.)
- **Ephesians 2:6** (We are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.)
- **Psalm 103:1-5** (Bless the Lord and do not forget His benefits.)
- **Psalm 91:2** (I will say of the Lord, He is my strength.)
- **Psalm 107:2** (Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.)
- **Isaiah 55:4-7** (Jesus was led like a lamb to the slaughter and did not speak.)
- **Acts 22:25-30** (Paul spoke up regarding his rights as a Roman citizen.)