

Sunday, February 5, 2023  
PERSONAL REVIVAL  
PART 3: INHERITANCE

Today, we move forward in our study of personal revival. We know that revival does not have to be seasonal but can be a lifestyle for the believer. We studied the role that a living hope has in personal revival. This morning, we study the role of our rich inheritance in personal revival.

Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

The prayer of God is that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened so that we can know the hope to which we have been called and so that we may know the riches of Jesus' glorious inheritance in the saints. Webster's Dictionary defines inheritance as:

**The acquisition of a possession, condition, or trait from a benefactor.**

When understanding the meaning of spiritual inheritance, there is one more thing to be known: *A possession viewed in one sense as present, in another as future.* Our spiritual inheritance brings a present Kingdom into our lives and will continue to operate into a fulfilled heaven. In other words, it is great now and the best is yet to come. Did you notice that the scripture says that the inheritance is "in the saints"? So, what is our inheritance?

**Our inheritance is union with Jesus.**

Do you remember what the priests of Israel had as their inheritance?

Ezekiel 44:28 (NIV)

As priests of God, we too have God as our inheritance. And the evidence of present life in our inheritance and future unfolding of our inheritance is the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

If you study the book of Revelation, then you know about the great fulfillment of our inheritance in heaven. How does our present inheritance manifest? The present Kingdom of Jesus manifests in: *The imitation of God.* Union with Christ creates imitation of Christ. What is His is revealed in me.

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

His trials become our trials. His gifts become our gifts. His overcoming power becomes our overcoming power. His purity becomes our purity. The imitation of God is only possible through my faith in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

*I must possess death, burial, and resurrection to possess the rest of Christ's possessions.*

The imitation of God is revealed in me through three realities:

1. A cultivation of dependence upon Jesus.
2. The yielding of myself to Jesus.
3. The practice of the righteousness of Jesus.

When you truly realize who Jesus is and what He has done for you, then everything you want has Him at the center. Heaven is heaven because Jesus is there. Life is good because Jesus is in me. How does that create revival in me? Your union with Him releases the kingdom of God within you. Your union with Him creates an imitation of Him. Your union with Him releases His power through you. How can you live in this reality and not be in personal revival? All our hope and all kingdom life is powered by the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. Every life obstacle I face whether internal or external is subject to the power that raised Christ from the dead. More on that next time.

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