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Ephesians 1:18

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is written to encourage the church to enter into its eternal purpose in order to live a happy, more fulfilled life in Christ Jesus.

We are not a body unto itself. We were given an inheritance so that we may fulfill the call that He has placed in our lifes. When we glorify Him we receive the benefits of that glory; we become partakers of His Life in us.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:5-6).

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7).

HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS

"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints..." Ephesians 1:15-18.

God has an inheritance invested in us. Christians generally are more conscious of our inheritance in Him, than of His inheritance in us. Our inheritance in God gives us assurance of our place in Him from the beginning.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will..." Ephesians 1:3-5.

Our inheritance in Him is our place of sons in the Son (read Galatians 4:6, 7).

In the Greek, the word "adoption" is "juithesia", which means: to place as a son. No one can separate us from Christ's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, because we are his sons.

His inheritance in us gives us the responsibility of treasuring, keeping and administering what has been given to us. The Father seeks the fruit of the blessed Seed which he planted in our hearts. Through His seed we worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Through His word, we can see that the perfect heart is the heart that longs after God, without regard for itself. God seeks hearts where He can plant His Word, His inheritance, His Son who will glorify him on this earth (Ezekiel 36:25-27; Hebrews 8:10-11; John 4:23-24).

The knowledge we have received through His grace is ever increasing through his Holy Spirit, revealing His Son in us (Read Ephesians 1:16-18, Colossians 1:24-27, Galatians 1:15, 16).

God is spirit, and only through His Holy Spirit can we know Him (1 Corinthians 2:12-16). When we seek his face by meditating on the Word, and we obtain understanding and knowledge, it is because it pleased Him to reveal himself to us (Read Luke 24:44, 45 and 1 Corinthians 3:6). Only He gets the glory!

How beautiful it is to participate in and collaborate with the Lord's life, which is in each one of those who have received Him in their hearts.

In Psalm 49:1-15, the Psalmist speaks wisdom and intelligence. He describes the need that every man has of the Gospel.

"Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world: Both low and high, rich and poor, together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp. Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the

redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah."

1 Peter 1:24-25 describes the meaning of the Gospel:

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (See Isaiah 40:6-8) Our hope is found in God's Word, which lives and abides forever.

These are the Good News for his people and the world:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." (2 Chronicles 16:9). When He finds such a man, he redeems him with his blood, He plants his Word (his very life, his Son), and awaits his fruit patiently. (Isaiah 55:10, 11; Matthew 13:44)

Believers are called to partake in God's life which has been implanted in the womb of our hearts. We have been redeemed from our empty way of life through Christ's precious blood. Glory to God! The abundant life is God's life in the Holy Spirit, which manifests His fruit and His gifts through His church. Now our lives have purpose. In us is the hope of glory! The Savior of the world! The word of reconciliation! Christ Jesus! God the Father reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.

God separates us from the world through his Word, with the purpose of sending us to the world. Just as the Father sent His Son, so He sends us. He interceded for those who were to believe in Him through their word (John 17:14, 18,20). In such a way, many will believe through the Word preached, which dwells and lives is us.

In His Love and by His Love, we must present our bodies for His use and service. The body of Christ, through the activity of each member, receives its growth to be built up in love (Romans 12:1-10; Ephesians 4:16). Just as He is Life, so his body, the church, is a living organism, for the glory of God the Father.

"But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel..." Philippians 1:12.

We see that many things happened to Paul which necessarily didn't have to happen; but for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ's name, Paul was subjected to these trials. Just as Paul's goal, our goal should be that of the Son, that the Father's Will be done, and that all things work together for the advancement of God's kingdom, the Gospel of Christ.

"...nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

The inheritance of God in Paul brought much Fruit for the Glory of Go.

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