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What is “The Eternal Inheritance in Christ”? And what gives you the right to it.

In order for one to have an inheritance, one must first be born into it. The birthright is the right of the firstborn that to which one is entitled by virtue of his birth.

To the minds of ordinary men, the receiving of an inheritance involves no more than the idea of the acquisition of property by succession; in the event of the father's death. The possession of land, which Israel received by lot from God, was to remain the inalienable property of several families. According to custom, the father's property went to his sons; the firstborn receiving a double portion and the other sons single or equal portions.

In consideration of this division, the firstborn, as head of the family, had to provide food, clothing, and other necessities in his house. This custom was more precisely defined by Moses: the father could not deprive his firstborn of his birthright on a whim or sudden change of heart. The firstborn whether beloved or hated was to receive of his father a double portion of all that the father had: For he (the firstborn) is the beginning of his strength. The right of the firstborn is his. **Deut.21:17.**

Although this speaks of temporal things; we can clearly see the shadow of the eternal here.

The idea of succession is manifestly inapplicable with reference to the eternal God of glory and His Christ. For Christ **is, the only** begotten of the Father. Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **John14:6.** There is no succession here.

The evidence, is not only from the reference to our adoption, but also from the fact that its a joint heir ship. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. **Rom.8:14-17.**

Jesus is the firstborn of God! Yet I have set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the utter most parts of the earth for thy possessions. **Ps.2:6-8.**

Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath **by inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son? God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us, by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things. ... **Heb.1: 1,2.**

In order for mere mortals to obtain an eternal inheritance **in** Christ; sin had to be dealt with; and put away. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

...for this cause He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. **Heb.9:13-17.**

This great provision was ordained by God, before the world was! Praise His Holy Name!

For men to obtain or to receive “the eternal inheritance in Christ” the entirety of the God head was at work and yet man would have to be involved as well; in order that, **all** those involved in this incomprehensible undertaking would receive their individual rewards. This mighty undertaking came at a monumentally great cost...Jesus gave His all for the eternal inheritance that rested solely on Him, and in Him...For the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Heb.12:2.**

The eternal inheritance in Christ, indicates that its something for man to attain to. And it most assuredly is; to be sure. However, the eternal inheritance **in Christ** is not just for man. There is a great expectation in the realms of glory; for God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. They too are anticipating the fullness of **their** inheritance; and yet are tasting of it (if you will) as we believe and walk circumspectly before them by faith; that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

For God: awaits the return of His beloved Israel; for the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the lot(or cord) of **His** inheritance. **Deut.32:9.**

Samuel anointed Saul: because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over **His** inheritance. **1 Sam.10:1.**
...He (God) raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said: I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will; of this man's seed hath God according to His promise raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus. **Acts 13:22,23.**

The Father needed Jesus to bring His purposed plan of salvation to fruition; to redeem His beloved Israel.

For Christ: His inheritance would be the heathen. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance; and the utter most parts of the earth for thy possessions. **Ps.2:8.**

And He (God) said; It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

... Thus saith the Lord: In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth: to them that are in darkness, show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in the high places. **Isa.49:6,8,9.**

God has fulfilled His promise to Abraham: God said unto Abraham, let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of the bond woman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in **Issac** shall thy seed be called. ...seeing thou hast not withheld thine son, thy only son: that in blessing, I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea. **Gen.21: 12.** ... in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: because thou hast obeyed my voice. **Gen.22:17,18.**

For Us: Those that be **in** Christ. Our inheritance is as vast as Christ's; we are joint heirs with Christ. Counted as the sons of God. And in the day that He goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, He shall offer His sin offering, saith the Lord God; and it shall be unto them for an inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I AM THEIR POSSESSION! **Ezk.44:27,28.**
Powerful Words!

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it with an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. **Heb.6:16-20.**

Christ death, burial and resurrection has provided: Life; Life eternal and with that, the ultimate glory of all; to be with God and Christ forever. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. **Eph.1:11,12.**

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance. Until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory. **Eph.1:13,14.**

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. **Eph.1:18.**

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet, to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. **Col.1:12.**

Knowing that of the **Lord** ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. **Col.3:24.**

All men will be given an eternal inheritance. Eternal is without end; ceaseless, not subject to change and exists outside the boundaries of time. It's forever! God Himself will declare unto you, before the assembled universe, your portion; the right of your possessions that you have stored up for yourself.

The question here is this: is your inheritance **in** Christ or not? The eternal inheritance **in** Christ, is so precious, don't make the mistake of taking **THIS** inheritance for granted; Reuben lost his inheritance and Esau sold his birthright. We must make our calling and election **sure**; and hold fast to our so great inheritance that is **only in** Christ Jesus.

The Holy Father is everlasting, He **is** the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end; and those who believe are already participating in the Father's possessions. Although God is physically absent, He is very Spiritually present.

In the phrase “the heirs of God” presents a most vivid view of the intimate and eternal union between the believer and God; tasting of those heavenly possessions which are a very present reality for the saints through faith. **Believing** in Christ. And by virtue of being **in** Christ, is what affords us this present tasting of heavenly things. God has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in** Christ Jesus. Eph.2:6.

As for the children of God, we too wait, just as our Father does and the Lord Jesus with great expectation for the fullness of our inheritance to occur.

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now; and not only they but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit; even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. Rom.8:22,23.

Having God Himself! The Great I AM, Jehovah for our inheritance! Think of it, O ye saints of the Most High!! How glorious to have such an inheritance. Love beyond decree. The gift of eternal life, the gift of God's beloved Son and the gift of God himself. Whatever your portion of **this** eternal inheritance, you can be assured it is a feast of “fat things full of marrow.” Isa.25:6.

So we ask the question: what gives **you** the right to this inheritance? Our right has been given to us because we **BELIEVE**; we **believe** the record of God and of His Son. Jesus was begotten of God; and brought forth at His birth. Man was brought forth in Adam, at birth. But when we were reborn we were begotten of God! We have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. Col.1:13 We were born again unto a lively hope...

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. 1 Pet.1:3,4

Because Christ accomplished this monumental work; He now sits exalted at the right hand of His Father, and ours; declared with un mistakeable assurance by men and heavenly hosts alike that: Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to the glory of God.

....And the land had rest from the war. Josh14:15. One day we will be in the land of rest, the place of our inheritance; and war will be no more.

I exhort you, keep **believing!** **Keep fighting the good fight** to make **sure** your eternal inheritance is **in Christ Jesus**. Amen.

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