

Doctrine of Heirship

1. To encourage the hearts of Christians, God the Holy Spirit has revealed to the church the concept of believers being heirs of many spiritual gifts of divine grace.
2. In order to receive the spiritual gifts of divine grace there must be a bonified relationship.
3. By faith, individuals are born into the family of God and so become the children of God, and if children, then heirs.
 - *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
 - *John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*
 - *Romans 8:17 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.*
4. The new birth that every Christian enjoys is based not only on divine mercy and grace but is according to covenantal promise.
 - *Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*
5. There are many marvelous and spiritual results based on being justified by grace alone.
 - Hope of eternal life. *Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*
 - Angelic protection. *Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*
 - Knowledge of Bible doctrine. *Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:*
 - A heavenly home. *John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
 - An effective prayer life (based on marital harmony if applicable and gospel obedience). *1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

6. These are just some of the treasures every Christian receives by being an heir of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.
7. The inheritance of the believer is a present reality.
- Right now the Christian has confidence of going to heaven. *Philippians 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:*
 - Right now the Christian enjoys angelic protection. *Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*
 - Right now the Christian can know divine mysteries. *Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*
 - Right now the Christian can be assured of going to a heavenly home. *John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
 - Right now the Christian can enjoy an effective prayer life. *Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*
8. The Christian's inheritance is grounded in God's electing love and the believer's corresponding response of abiding love. Question: "Do you love God?"
- *James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*