

HEIRSHIP OF CHRIST

1. As the victor in the angelic conflict and part of the Divine Decree, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Heir of all things, Hebrews 1:2.
2. Jesus Christ is called the Son of God because He is the Heir of all things. Sonship means he is an heir, Romans 8:16-17; Galatians 3:26.
3. Heirship is based on the death of another, Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. New creations of Christ are sons of God, 1 Corinthians 15:50.
4. To inherit blessings and rewards from God we must possess the life from God. We gain this life at salvation, Titus 3:7; 1 John 5:11-12.
5. Therefore, salvation qualifies us for joint heirship with Christ, Colossians 1:12.
6. Heirship is part of the Divine Decree, Ephesians 1:11.
7. Heirship is based on the election of Christ, and the believer choosing to believe in Him as personal Savior, Hebrews 9:15.
8. The believer's heritage is related to eternal security, 1 Peter 1:4-5.
9. Our heirship is provided on the basis of grace, Galatians 3:29. Heirs of the promises are Christians, Hebrews 6:17.
10. The indwelling Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, Ephesians 1:14.
11. The content of inheritance is:
 - A. Salvation, Hebrews 1:14 (Indwelling Holy Spirit)
 - B. Glory, Romans 8:17.
 - C. Grace, 1 Peter 3:7.
 - D. Blessing, 1 Peter 3:9.
 - E. Eternal life, Titus 3:7.
 - F. Reigning, 1 Corinthians 4:8; Revelation 5:17; 20:4; 22:5.
 - G. Ruling in time with Bible doctrine enables believer to have special place of rulership in heaven, Revelation 22:7.
 - H. Believers are associated with Adam, spiritual seed, Galatians 3:18; 3:7 sons of Abraham who belong to the Messiah, Romans 4:13 ff.

