

Guarantee Of Our Inheritance

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Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

We have a guaranteed an inheritance from God. The NIV says, “In Christ we were chosen.” However, the word is, “we have obtained an inheritance.” Not a big deal. We were chosen so we have an inheritance or we have an inheritance because we were chosen. As believers we have an unimaginable coming inheritance of all the abundance, and treasures of heaven given us by God HIMSELF.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)

As it is written, “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him!”

Not only that, we will reign with Jesus as co-heirs.

Romans 8:16–17 (ESV)

We are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs or co-heirs with Christ.

It is beyond imagination, but looks like this:

Revelation 22:3–5 (ESV) NO/OH

³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Now I am going to use the word inheritance in the NIV translation which I think is clearer.

Ephesians 1:11 (NIV)

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the plan of God the Father who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of HIS will.

Our inheritance and reign with Jesus have been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of HIS will. **This not an accident and we are not an accident.** We are God's mystery and God's plan. **Now the Apostle Paul understood this:**

Philippians 1:21 (ESV) NO/OH

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

As an important side note which helps us understand the dynamic of the time. Two pronouns, one in verses 12 and one in verse 13. They are: we the first and you also. We the first are Jews, and you also are Gentiles. Remember last week in verse 10, God had a plan to unite all things in Christ. This included the Jews and the Gentiles. **Now all the Jewish privileges belong to the church. Believing Gentiles with Jewish believers are equal partners and share the same inheritance. Now look at the “guarantee” that we will inherit all the treasures of heaven and reign with Chris for eternity.**

Ephesians 1:13–14 (NIV) **3 Guarantees**

Guarantee #1 - And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV) NO/OH

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Guarantee #2 - When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. **Guaranteed because we were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.**

We are locked in and secure for all eternity. In ancient times the “seal” was affixed to a document to guarantee its genuineness. It was attached to goods in transit to indicate ownership and ensure protection. **God puts the seal of the Holy Spirit on us guaranteeing we belong to HIM and are protected by HIM.** This sealing of the Holy Spirit was “promised” in the OT (Eze.36:26-27, 37:14, Joel 2:28-29), and by Jesus HIMSELF (Luke 24:49). **The seal of the Holy Spirit belongs to the church.**

Acts 2:38 (ESV) NO/OH

Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The church should pay attention to the Holy Spirit. We have an ongoing relationship with HIM.

Ephesians 4:30 (ESV)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit matters and we need to have a working intimate fellowship with HIM.

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

We have some great teaching on the Holy Spirit!

Guarantee #3 – The promised Holy Spirit is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.

Deposit guaranteeing is one word literally meaning deposit, down payment, pledge, and later the word came to mean engagement ring. The Holy Spirit is our assurance that we have an eternal inheritance in heaven reigning with Christ. **This is the deposit of God supernaturally at work on earth within us.**

2 Corinthians 5:5 (ESV)

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee (deposit).

This qualifies us guaranteeing our inheritance:

Colossians 1:13–14 (ESV) God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.