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**INHERITANCE CAN BE
EARNED AND LOST**

1 PETER 1:3-4



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**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

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Titus 3:4, “But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:6, “whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Titus 3:7, “that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

**γίνομαι *ginomai*
aor pass subj 1 plur
might become
to become, be, be created**

**ἐλπίς *elpis*
acc fem sing
hope**

The Doctrine of Inheritance

1. Three forms of the word appear in Hebrews.

a. The verb κληρονομέω *klēronomeō*; used 18× in the New Testament; 4× in Hebrews (1:4, Christ inherited...; 1:14 those who will inherit salvation; 6:12; 12:17 Esau's desire to inherit the blessing)

verb: to possess, to receive as one's own possession, to obtain.

- a birthright, which one enters by virtue of their sonship, Gal. 4:30; Heb. 1:4
- property received as a gift in contrast to reward, Heb. 1:14; 6:12
- property received on condition of obedience to certain conditions, 1 Pet. 3:9
- reward based on meeting certain conditions and following certain activities.

5. Inheritance was given positionally or potentially on the the basis of grace, but the realization and enjoyment of the inheritance was a reward of obedience.

Most of the Exodus generation was saved by faith alone in the Messianic promise alone.

Ex. 4:22, “And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, ‘Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

Ex. 4:23, “ ‘And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.’ ”

Ex. 4:31, “And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.”

Ex. 12:7, “And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

Ex. 12:8, “And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.”

Ex. 12:27, “That ye shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.’ And the people bowed the head and worshipped.”

Ex. 12:28, “And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.”

Ex. 14:31, “And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.”

Ex. 19:8, “And all the people answered together, and said, ‘All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.’ And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.”

1 Cor. 10:2, “And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

1 Cor. 10:3, “And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

1 Cor. 10:4, “And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1 Cor. 10:5, “But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.”

Heb. 11:29, “By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

Heb. 11:30, “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.”

5. Inheritance was given positionally or potentially on the the basis of grace, but the realization and enjoyment of the inheritance was a reward of obedience.

Caleb

Num. 14:24, “But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.”

5. Inheritance was given positionally or potentially on the the basis of grace, but the realization and enjoyment of the inheritance was a reward of obedience.

Josh. 14:8, “Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God fully.

Josh. 14:9, “So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance [נַחֲלָה (naḥălâ) inheritance, heritage, possession] to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.’ ”

1 Chron. 5:1, “Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright;”

Deut. 6:18, “And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers,”

Deut. 11:22, “For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

Deut. 11:23, “Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

Deut. 11:24, “Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.”

Deut. 19:8, “And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

Deut. 19:9, “If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

Deut. 19:10, “That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.”

6. The possession of the land therefore was conditioned on obedience, it was merited. Therefore as a possession it could be lost.

Gen. 17:14, “But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

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Deut. 28:1, “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Deut. 28:2, “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:”

**Lam. 5:2, “Our inheritance has been turned
over to aliens,
Our homes to foreigners.”**

7. Though not all have an inheritance in the land all have God as their inheritance and possession.

Psa. 73:26, “My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion [קִלְעוֹן (ḥē/eq)] forever.”

Psa. 119:57, “The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Thy words.”

Psa. 142:5, “I cried out to Thee, O LORD; I said, ‘Thou art my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.’ ”

Deut. 18:2, “Therefore they [priests and Levites] shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the LORD is their inheritance, as He said to them.”

**8. An inheritance can be squandered.
Luke 15:11ff**

Luke 15:12, “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.

Luke 15:13, “And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

Luke 15:14, “But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.”

Luke 15:17, “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Luke 15:18, “ ‘I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,” ’ ”

9. Inheritance is related to rewards for what is earned for service, whereas salvation is a free gift.

Colossians 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

10. Our Heirship is based on Adoption, Sonship, therefore inheritance is related to positional truth. Gal. 3:29, 4:1

Rom. 8:16, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

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11. Heirship is related to hope

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