

ACCESSING MY INHERITANCE – BY FAITH

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1. INTRODUCTION

2. WHEN WE RECEIVED CHRIST, GOD GAVE US POWER TO BECOME SONS OF GOD (John 1:12)

... *But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*

Galatians 4:7 ... *no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

3. OUR SONSHIP COMES WITH AN INHERITANCE

Colossians 1:12 *Giving thanks to the Father **who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.***

WE CAN PARTAKE OF OUR INHERITANCE RIGHT NOW! We don't have to wait!

a) We inherited the throne of glory

1 Samuel 2:8a *He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap; to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory ...*

b) God presented you to Himself holy, blameless, above reproach in His sight

Colossians 1:21–22 NLT/NKJV *Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ... NKV to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—*

c) God's divine power has given us all things that pertain to life ...

2 Peter 1:3 ... *His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,*

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

d) God has delivered from the power of darkness

Colossians 1:13-14 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of His Son*

e) God gave us authority over all the power of the enemy

Luke 10:19 *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

f) God prepared a table before you in the presence of our enemies!

Psalms 23:5 *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over*

HEALING is on the table, ... FINANCIAL PROSPERITY is on the table.... favour, freedom from condemnation, from fear, abundant life **IS ON THE TABLE...**

g) We INHERITED 'long life' – it's part of our salvation

Psalms 91:16 ... *With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.*

We access our INHERITANCE BY FAITH We **hear the Word** so faith can come. Then we **use our faith** to **receive** the inheritance ... then it becomes a reality in our lives. How does God do that for us!!

4. GOD HAS GIVEN US GREAT & PRECIOUS PROMISES, THAT THROUGH THESE WE CAN PARTAKE OF OUR INHERITANCE

2 Peter 1:3-4 ... *His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

5. WE RECEIVE OUR INHERITANCE – BY FAITH!

Understanding “FAITH” – ... WHAT it is, ... WHO has it, ... HOW FAITH works is essential for us to partake of our inheritance. When we talk about ‘FAITH’ – we are talking about the GOD-KIND OF FAITH.

6. JESUS TAUGHT ON ‘FAITH’ AND DEMONSTRATED WHAT ‘FAITH’ LOOKS LIKE

Jesus told his disciples: ... *all things are possible to him who believes* ... (Mark 9:23)

Jesus used His faith ... *to speak to things*

His disciples were amazed! Jesus’ RESPONSE to them was ... **HAVE the faith of God...**

Mark 11:23 ... **whoever says to this mountain**, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Jesus taught ... *faith is like a servant* ... in Luke 18:7

One of God’s definitions of FAITH You send your faith out by speaking WORDS, those ‘Words of faith’ will not return void but will accomplish what you said, and prosper in the thing it was sent) **Isaiah 55**

7. THE BIBLE DESCRIBES DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FAITH PEOPLE CAN BE AT

- a) Strong Faith – gives glory to God (Romans 4:20 KJV)
- b) Weak Faith – (Romans 14:1)
- c) Great Faith – ... *speak the Word only* (Matthew 8:10)
- d) Little Faith – (Matthew 14:24–31)
- e) Dead Faith – (James 2:17)
- f) Exceedingly growing Faith – (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

8. FAITH IS ON GOD’S TOP 3 LIST OF THINGS THAT WILL REMAIN, SO IT’S IMPORTANT!

- a) Without faith ... it is IMPOSSIBLE to PLEASE GOD

Hebrews 11:6 *But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

- b) We are SAVED ... by faith (Ephesians 2:8)
- c) We receive ALL the PROMISES of God ...by faith. (Hebrews 6:12b)
- d) The just shall LIVE ... by faith (Romans 1:17)
- e) By faith ... we STAND (2 Corinthians 1:24)
- f) The VICTORY that HAS OVERCOME the world is ... our faith (1 John 5:4)
- g) We are told to FIGHT the **good fight of faith**, lay hold of eternal life

1 Timothy 6:12 ***Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession*

- h) Above all we are told to ... take the SHIELD OF FAITH (Ephesians 6:16)
... above all, taking the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- i) We WALK by ... faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- j) 1 Timothy 1:9 ... tells us some will experience ... **shipwrecked faith**

9. THE DISCIPLES PRAYED/ASKED JESUS TO INCREASE THEIR FAITH

- a) Faith comes ... by hearing the Word

Romans 10:17 *So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.***

- b) Faith is released ... by speaking

Matthew 17:20 *if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

10. GOD HAS GIVEN EVERY BORN AGAIN BELIEVER THE 'MEASURE OF FAITH'

Romans 12:3 *God has given ... to everyone the measure of faith*

2 Thessalonians 1:3 ... *your faith grows exceedingly,*

11. HEBREWS 11 GIVES A GOD'S DEFINITION OF THE WORD OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:1, 3 ESV Now **faith is the substance of things** hoped for, the evidence of things **not seen**...³ **By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.**

a) **Faith has 'spiritual' substance!** Verse 1 *faith is the substance of things not seen*

b) **Faith has creative power**

By 'faith' we understand that the universe was **created by the Word of God**, (Hebrews 11:3)

c) **Faith is NOW** – (present tense) **Hebrews 11:1** **Now faith is ...**

12. FAITH CALLS THE THINGS WHICH DO NOT EXIST IN THE NATURAL AS THOUGH THEY DO

Romans 4:17 *(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") —God, who gives life to the dead and **calls those things which do not exist as though they did;***

Example: God called Abraham 'the father of many nations'

God changed the physical realm by releasing faith filled WORDS and it changed the natural realm.

FINAL THOUGHTS ...

God has given us an INHERITANCE – everything is yours ... All the promises of God in Him are Yes and Amen to the glory of God. Not only that, God has given us His FAITH ... to reach out and take our ...