

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling”

A HUGE Inheritance

Ephesians 1:13-14

“...When you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom **he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee** that he will give us the **inheritance** he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.”

Spending What You Don't Have

The Surprise Inheritance

- Maid in Argentina learned who her true father was and inherited \$40 Million (1984).
- Two Hungarian Homeless Brother inherited \$100 Million from a German Grandmother (2009).
- In Portugal a Man chose 70 names from the phone book and left each a fortune. (2001).
- *“He promised long ago...”*

Ezekiel 37:26-27

I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations. (Also see **Joel 2:28-29, 32**)

- *Becoming Aware of Who You Are and Our Father's Great Calling*

1 Cor. 2:12-16

¹² And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), **so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us...Those who are spiritual can evaluate (understand) all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated (understood) by others.** ¹⁶ For, “Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?” But we understand these things, because we have the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 1:17-18

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. ¹⁹ **I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.** This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Isaiah 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.

(Isaiah 61:1-4 continued)

² He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the Lord's favor has come,
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

³ To all who mourn in Israel,
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair.
In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
that the Lord has planted for his own glory.

⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins,
repairing cities destroyed long ago.
They will revive them,
though they have been deserted for many generations.

- *Chain-Breakers, Stronghold-Stormers*

Isaiah 58:6

Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and break every chain that binds people!

2 Cor. 10:3-5

We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

- *Your "Guarantee," Your "Proof," -- A Sign of Your Calling*

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷ **A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...** ¹¹ **It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decide which gift each person should have.**