1 Peter Series

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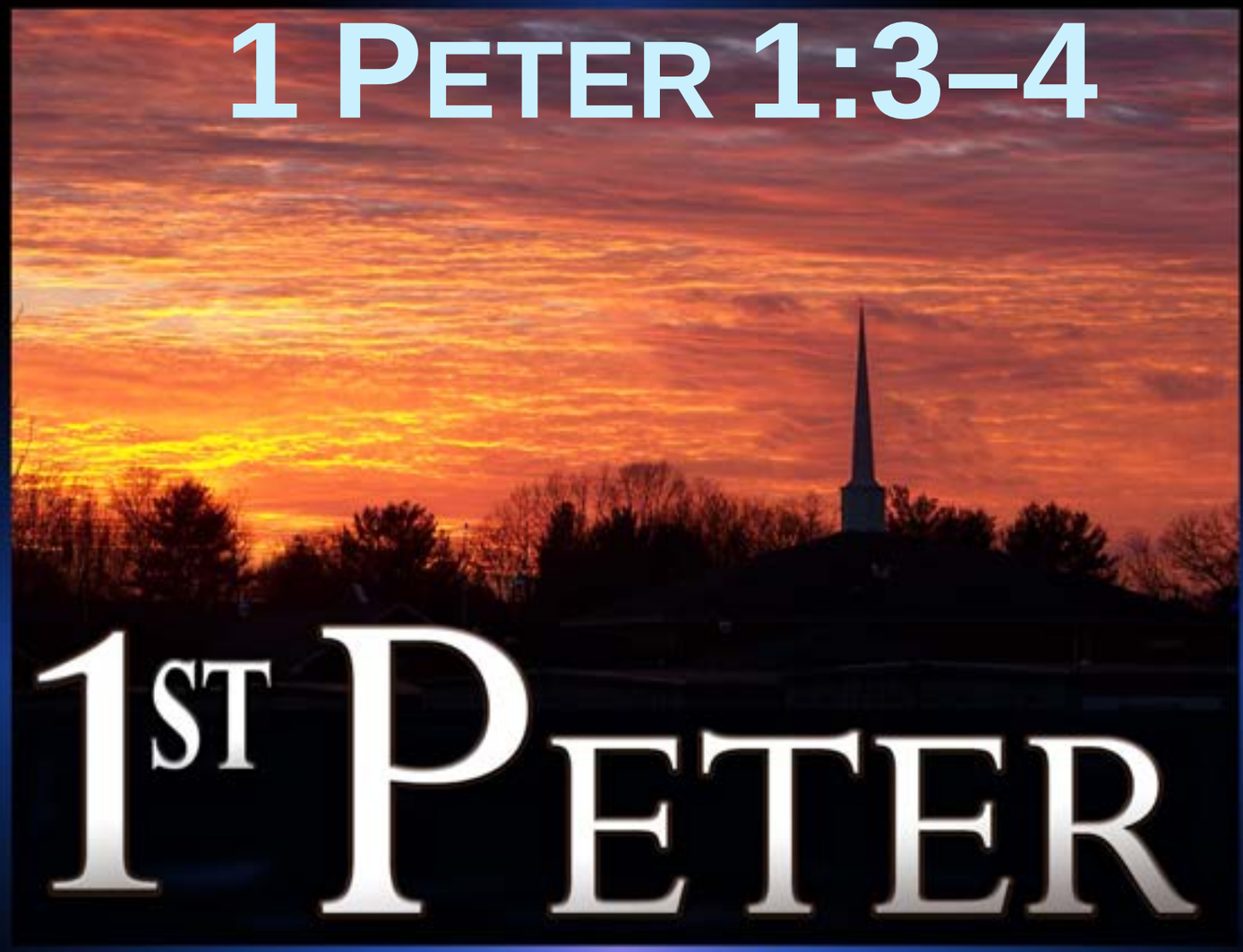
Inheritance Can be Earned and Lost

1 Peter 1:3–4



1st Peter

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 <u>we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life</u>.”

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 Esauś desire to inherit the blessing)**
   verb: to possess, to receive as oneś 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.**

1 Chron. 5:1, “Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but <u>because he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph</u>, 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.”

Num. 14:24, “But My servant Caleb, <u>because he has had a different spirit</u> and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.”

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 [חֵלֶק (ḥ*ēleq*)] 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**

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11. **Heirship is related to hope**

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