

HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN US

PART 17 EPHESIANS CHAPTER ONE

Ephesians 1:18 **SLIDE**

*[I pray that] the eyes of your understanding [heart] being enlightened that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints** ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe ...*

We see in these verses Paul prayed that we might know 3 things -

1. THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING
2. THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE
3. THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER

ALL THESE THINGS CAN BE KNOWN BY AN ENLIGHTENED HEART.

SO THIS WEEK WE SPEAK ABOUT THE SECOND REVELATION

'THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS'

However, from the start we must understand just what inheritance Paul is referring to here ...

For years I've pondered this verse, wondering whether it meant ...

1. **GOD IS THE INHERITOR & WE ARE HIS INHERITANCE OR**
2. **GOD HAS GIVEN HIS INHERITANCE TO US**

IT APPEARS TO SUGGEST THE FORMER ... THAT WE ARE GOD'S INHERITANCE & HE INHERITS US ...

(We spoke about this a few weeks ago from verse 11 which does tell us that we are God's heritage ... that God Himself will inherit us ...

But I believe this verse is actually the latter ... number 2 above.

SLIDE THIS VERSE TELLS US THAT WE ARE THE INHERITORS & GOD IS THE ONE GIVING HIS RICH & GLORIOUS INHERITANCE TO US.

NB: MOST COMMENTATORS I'VE READ AGREE THAT THIS IS THE INTERPRETATION ... EVEN DR MARTIN LLOYD JONES.

LET ME EXPLAIN WHY

In Greek all 3 statements are phrased the same way as follows ...

- THE CALL OF HIM

- THE INHERITANCE OF HIM
- THE POWER OF HIM

So, we saw in the previous verse, 'the calling of Him' doesn't mean that God is the one being called ... but **that God is the one doing the calling ... and we are the ones being called ...**

So here 'the inheritance of Him' doesn't mean that God is the one receiving the inheritance ... but that **God is giving His inheritance to us and we are receiving it.**

Also ...

THIS LITERALLY READS IN GREEK LANGUAGE, 'the riches of the glory of the inheritance of Him' ... or as someone said ...

"the inheritance given by God among the saints,"

Romans 8:17

*... If children, then heirs—heirs of God and [ALSO] joint heirs **with Christ ...***

(See also [Galatians 4:7](#))

SO WHAT IS THIS INHERITANCE THAT GOD GIVES US?

I believe it is the inheritance of God's own glory ...

THIS IS 'THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY' ...

Ephesians 1:18 **SLIDE**

*[I pray that] the eyes of your understanding [heart] being enlightened; that you may know **the riches of the glory** of His inheritance in the saints.*

THIS IS THE END GOAL & OUR GREAT INHERITANCE

Romans 9:23-24 **SLIDE**

*That He [God] might make known **the riches of His glory** on the vessels of mercy, which **He had prepared beforehand for glory** ²⁴
Even us, whom he called ...*

1 Peter 5:10 Berean Study Bible

*And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, **who has called you to His eternal glory** in Christ, will Himself restore you, secure you, strengthen you, and establish you.*

Romans 8:30 Berean Study Bible + NIV

And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

THE GOAL IS THAT WE WOULD INHERIT THE FATHER'S GLORY

OUR BODY WILL ALSO BE GLORIFIED WITH THIS GLORY

Philippians 3:21 NASB 1995

*Who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with **the body of His glory**, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

THIS ALSO MEANS THAT WE WILL BECOME ONE WITH THE FATHER & THE SON IN THE FATHER'S GLORY

John 17:22 Berean Study Bible + NLT

I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one.

BUT WHAT DOES THIS GLORY OF OUR INHERITANCE LOOK LIKE

THIS GLORY MEANS ... BEING IN CHRIST

SLIDE As **royal sons in this glory** (Ephesians 1:5) ...we are exalted, **strong, sure, stable, secure ...**

We are optimistic ... unable to be oppressed ... in complete authority ... ruling and reigning with our joint heir, Jesus Christ ... joint owners of heaven itself ...

This glory also means we become one in character with The Father ... one in holiness ... one in goodness ... one in virtue ...

We are holy and blameless before Him in love (v4) ... unable to be blamed for any wrong, past present and future ...

We are glorious ... pure ... beautiful ... bright ...

THIS IS THE INHERITANCE GOD HAS FOR US.

BUT I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING EVEN MORE WONDERFUL.

OUR TEXT TAKES IT ONE STAGE FURTHER

Ephesians 1:18 SLIDE

[I pray that] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches

of the glory of His inheritance *in the saints* [which also means - **AMONG THE SAINTS**]

OUR TEXT THIS MORNING TELLS US ... THE GLORY OF THIS INHERITANCE IS ACTUALLY **AMONG US AS SAINTS HERE & NOW**

This verse is not just telling us God has given us an inheritance in heaven when we go to be with him, even though this is true ... (See 1 Peter 1:4) ...

IT'S TELLING US ...

THE GLORY OF OUR INHERITANCE IS ACTUALLY HERE AMONG US ... IN THE CHURCH

Acts 20:32 Berean Study Bible

*And now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you **an inheritance among all who are sanctified [the Saints]**.*

THE FOLLOWING OLD TESTAMENT REVELATION OF ISAIAH TELLS US THE SAME THING

Isaiah 6:1 **SLIDE**

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and **the train of His robe filled the temple.***

ISAIAH SAW THE CORONATION OF THE RISEN CHRIST

Hebrews 2:9

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death **crowned with glory and honour ...***

SLIDE BUT ISAIAH ALSO SAW THE LORD'S TRAIN FILLING THE TEMPLE HERE ON EARTH ...

(There is no temple in Heaven – see Revelation 21:22)

THIS IS HIS GLORY THAT FLOWS DOWN INTO HIS SAINTS - **WE ARE THE TEMPLE ...**

Ephesians 2:21-22

In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ellicott says -

The "train" answers to the skirts of the glory of the Lord, who clothes Himself with light as with a garment (see Exodus 33:22-23)

John 12:41

These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

CELESTIAL FRUITS ON EARTHLY GROUND

*The men of grace have found ... **Glory begun below ...**
Celestial fruits **on earthly ground ...** From faith and hope may grow.*

*The hill of Zion yields ... A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields ... Or walk the golden streets.*

Then let our songs abound ... And every tear be dry ...

We're marching through Immanuel's ground ...

To fairer worlds on high.

Isaac Watts 1806

THIS IS 'THE RICHES OF THE GLORY'

THIS IS MAGNIFICENT. THIS IS EXCEEDING WEALTH ...

We are told we can know **the riches** of His glory of this inheritance ...

in each one of us ... now ...

THIS IS ANOTHER TASTE OF THE EARNEST ...

WHAT WE CAN EXPERIENCE HERE AS A DOWN-PAYMENT OF THE GLORY TO
COME

HEAVEN IS IN OUR MIDST ... GLORY IS IN OUR MIDST ...

GOD HIMSELF IS HERE

Ephesians 3:21 New Heart English Bible

*To Him [God] be **the glory in the church** and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen*

- This means that our eternal inheritance – God's eternal glory - is in each of us and among us as we gather together in Jesus' name
- This means that our eternal inheritance – God's eternal glory - can be shared and experienced among us when we gather in Jesus' name

Colossians 1:12 **SLIDE**

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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PAUL PRAYS THAT WE MAY ALL BEGIN TO PERCEIVE WITH OUR HEART WHO & WHAT IS AMONG US HERE ON THE EARTH ...

THE GLORY OF THIS INHERITANCE IS NOW AMONG US ...

CAN YOU SEE THE RICHES?

The greatest riches that this world has ever known are among us now ... They are the riches of His glory ... his inheritance given to us.

THIS GLORY IS IN EACH INDIVIDUAL AND MANIFESTED AMONG US AS WE COME TOGETHER IN JESUS NAME

- *Watching Graham Kendrick sing the new song we sang this morning ... I saw and felt something in the singers ... and I was deeply touched.
I sensed a purity ... a virtue ... and it lifted my heart ... it strengthened me!
However, I could have simply brushed it aside as it was such a deep and fine sensation ... But thank God it got my attention. Later, I heard the Holy Spirit saying ... **'This is it. This is The Glory that is among us'**.*

Acts 11:23 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

*When he [Barnabas] arrived [in Antioch] and **saw the grace of God,** he rejoiced and encouraged them all to abide in the Lord with all their hearts.*

BARNABAS PERCEIVED THE GRACE OF GOD AMONG THEM ...

saw (idōn) Verb - Aorist Participle Active - Nominative Masculine

Properly, to stare at, to discern clearly; to attend to; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear.

On that day, we will see 'This Rich Glory' in each other ...

BUT DID YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT TILL 'THAT DAY'?

His glory can be seen and perceived today in every believer by our enlightened heart as we fellowship together. We can begin to see God's deposit in us and see one another spiritually ... **past the flesh** ...

PAUL REFERRED TO THIS IN THE FOLLOWING VERSE ...

2 Corinthians 5:16

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

THE CHALLENGE IS ... when someone is manifesting the flesh, can we see past all the pride ... the greed ... the self-centeredness ...

*To live above with saints we love ... That surely will be glory
To live below with saints we know ... Well, that's a different story*

CAN WE SEE THE REAL PERSON IN CHRIST ...AND GOD'S RICH DEPOSIT IN THEM?

We are called to 'discern and know' one another spiritually ... to perceive God's deposit in each other ...

Someone asked us, the other day, 'In the world to come will we recognise one another?'

Yes, we will, but not after the flesh. We will know each other spiritually ... recognise each other's beautiful hearts ... We will all have a glory about us that was the Glory deposited in us. We will know one another after our New Man.

SMALL FELLOWSHIP

Matthew 18:20 **SLIDE**

For where two or three are gathered together into My name, I am there in the midst of them.

**SLIDE THE FELLOWSHIP OF TWO
IT IS A PRIORITY**

THIS IS ALSO VITAL ... ONE ON ONE ...

MEETING INDIVIDUALLY ... WE MEET THE INDIVIDUAL GLORY DEPOSITED IN THAT PERSON ...

SHARE THE WEALTH

I personally meet one to one with a lot of people. But it's often to discuss some situation they are going through.

This is good. But consider meeting someone who has something positive to share.

*Occasionally I meet with someone 'Into Jesus Name' to share the wealth ... to share Scriptures... to share revelations ... to share testimony ... **TO SHARE HIS GLORY** ...*

We can share the wealth ...