

Heirs of God!

Galatians 4:7; Hebrews 1:1-4; Revelation 5:1-15

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Introduction

- Sam Walton's fortune divided among his family
- Creation of our last will and naming of our benefactors
- From slave to son of God
 - We were once slaves to sin and to the "elements of the world"
 - "God sent forth His Son... to redeem those who were under the law that we might receive the adoption as sons."
 - "God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father'"

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A. We are now "*heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ*"

Galatians 4:7; Romans 8:17

B. What do we inherit? Our inheritance.....

1. **Involves a special, eternal relationship with God—"heir of God"**

- a. Part of the New Covenant relationship!
- b. Old Covenant—Levites inheritance—Deuteronomy 18:1-2
- c. Life in the Eternal Kingdom—Revelation 21:3

2. **Includes whatever Christ inherits—"co-heir with Christ"**

- a. Generally—"all things"—Hebrews 1:1-4
- b. Specifically—the "*kingdoms of this world*"
 - 1) Prophesied in Psalm 2
 - 2) Present state—under the control of the evil one
 - 3) Future transfer—Revelation 5:1-15
 - a) Identity of the "sealed scroll" as title deed to earth
 - b) Jesus Christ as the heir
 - c) Kingdoms of this world become Christ's
- c. Our Inheritance of the kingdom
 - 1) Currently part of Christ's spiritual kingdom
 - 2) Future participant in Christ's millennial kingdom
 - 3) Future participant in God's eternal kingdom

C. How do we know we are heirs?

1. The Presence of the Spirit—Ephesians 1:13-14
2. The Presence of Suffering—Romans 8:17