**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

*“Our Inheritance”*

*Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have* ***obtained an inheritance****, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

* **THE PROMISE OF OUR INHERITANCE**

*“In whom also….(vs. 11a)*

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

*17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

 The unique aspect of our inheritance is that it required **2** deaths – **Christ’s** and **ours**!

*Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

*4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*

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*1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

*“incorruptible” –free from* ***decay***

*“undefiled” – free from* ***blemish***

*“fadeth not away” –* ***lasting;******eternal***

*“reserved in heaven” –* ***secure***

* **THE PARTICULARS OF OUR INHERITANCE**
* **Our Future Inheritance**
* A **home** He has prepared. (Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 21-22)

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

* A **glorified** **body**. (Phil. 3:20-21)

*Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

*21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

* The **Lord** **Himself.** (Deut. 18:2; Ps. 16:5; Ps. 27:4)

*Deuteronomy 18:2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren:* ***the Lord is their inheritance****, as he hath said unto them.*

*Psalm 16:5* ***The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance*** *and of my cup:*

*Psalm 27:4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,* ***To behold the beauty of the Lord****, and to inquire in his temple.*

**When you realize what your future inheritance holds for you, you are better able to endure whatever comes your way in this life. (II Cor. 4:17-5:4)**