

Ephesians- A New Way To Be Human

Part 5: A New Inheritance

We Are Consumed With What We Don't Have...

As Christians, We Have A Great Inheritance

Ephesians 1:11-12 - "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory."

Romans 8:15-18 - "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness w/ our spirit that we are children of God, & if children, then heirs--heirs of God & fellow heirs w/ Christ, provided we suffer w/ him in order that we may also be glorified w/ him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing w/ the glory that is to be revealed to us."

More Than We Can Imagine:

1 Corinthians 2:9 - "But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

We Get Eternal Life

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 - "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died & rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring w/ him those who have fallen asleep."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

We Get Renewed Bodies

Romans 8:22-23 - "For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies."

Philippians 3:20-21- "But our citizenship is in heaven, & from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

We Get A Renewed Earth

Romans 8:19-21 - "For the creation waits w/ eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but b/c of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption & obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God"

Revelation 21:1-5 - "Then I saw a new heaven & a new earth, for the first heaven & the first earth had passed away, & the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is w/ man. He will dwell w/ them, & they will be his people, & God himself will be w/ them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, & death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 22:1-3 - "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God & of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life w/ its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything

accursed, but the throne of God & of the Lamb will be in it, & his servants will worship him."

Being W/ Jesus Forever Is Our Great Inheritance

Why don't people like the idea of Hell?

Hell Is Hot:

Matthew 13:49-50 - "So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out & separate the evil from the righteous & throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping & gnashing of teeth."

Hell Is Scary:

Matt 10:28 - Jesus said nothing on earth should scare us like hell

Hell Is Sad:

Why Christians Want to Go To Heaven, Not Hell

No, We Often Act & Live Like This World Is All We'll Ever Get

Matt 6:21-For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

We Need To See How Much He Loves Us

Ephesians 1:18 - "...HIS glorious inheritance in the saints"

Malachi 3:17 - "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, & I will spare