

Unlocking The Mystery & Treasures Of Our Inheritance

#40 Jesus Christ, My Kinsman Redeemer

Rev. 1:3 Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near [at hand].

Rev 1:5-6 ...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 1:7 Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him [2nd coming], and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. All the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him because that which is precious to them will be taken away. The kings and the rich merchants mourned at the fall of Babylon because they lost everything.

Rev 18:14 says "all your riches and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered."

People mourn when they have suffered the loss of something they considered permanent.

Note: Revelation is the book of Restoration Of The Inheritance that God promised His Son.

A. Psalms 2:7-8 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. ⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. [Nations & all the earth]

B. Matt. 28:18 All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

C. Heir To His Church - Eph. 1:18 "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" [The church, the believers in Him, are also His inheritance.]

The amazing thing is we are not only His inheritance, we can be "joint-heirs";

Rom. 8:16-18 The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ [share His inheritance with Him]; IF so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. [only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.] For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Revelation 4:1 allows us to look inside an open door into heaven. After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come Up Hither, And I Will Show You Things Which Must Be Hereafter.

Through that door we see a throne, and someone sitting upon it. From the throne come flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In Revelation 5 we see the One sitting on the throne holding a scroll written on both sides with seven seals. The scroll of Rev 5 is a deed of redemption, effectively a will of inheritance. It is the legal document proving that a qualified Kinsman has paid the price to redeem the land once forfeited by His family.

As each seal is broken, the deed of redemption reveals what must occur for the Kinsman-Redeemer to Physically Repossess The Land, wresting it from enemy squatters, and Returning It To Those Who Were Originally Given Dominion Over It.

A mighty angel proclaims, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll"? John weeps and weeps, for it seems that no one is worthy. Then John beholds a lamb, looking as if it had been slain. The Lamb comes and takes the scroll, and then a new song is sung: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Key Point: The Lamb That Was Slain Is The One Who Made The Inheritance Possible.

In dying, He not only purchased the inheritance, He also purchased men and women for God to be a kingdom of kings and priests to serve God, and reign with Him on earth. The Lamb, Jesus Christ, purchased with His blood a permanent inheritance which is this world, the nations, all who will believe, and the heavens around us. It is all His.

The Result Of The Fall Of Man: Lost the following 4 things.

1) Property God Gave The Earth and Its Dominion To Man:

Psalm 115:16 The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man.

When God created man, He gave him dominion not only over the earth, but also over all the animal creation. Yet man lost the dominion which God had entrusted to him. It is apparent that the result of the fall was that Satan 'stole' man's property. So it was through default that Satan took control of this world from man and became "the prince of this world."

Adam Sold Our Birthright By Reason Of His Sin.

2) Liberty Man Lost His Freedom Or Liberty At The Fall.

John 8:34 Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

Adam sold himself into slavery to sin and Satan. As children of a slave we are born into slavery.

3) Life In the Garden of Eden God had warned Adam of the consequences of disobedience:

Gen. 2:17 "... but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

It's clear: Death Is The Consequence Of Sin: Man lost his life. He died spiritually the very moment he disobeyed God. He ultimately died physically because God expelled him from the Garden of Eden thus denying him access to the Tree Of Life. (Gen 3:24)

Man died SPIRITUALLY immediately. Man died PHYSICALLY ultimately.

4) Legacy - Ability To Produce Godly Offspring

Gen. 1:27 "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."

Given a commission to multiply and to fill the earth, man fell into sin before he could do so.

Man lost his ability to reproduce seed in God's likeness.

Gen. 5:3 "And Adam ... begot a son in his own likeness, after his image..."

Eph. 2:2 We are brought forth into this world as "children of disobedience."

As joint-heirs with Christ positionally, we have a personal stake in this inheritance.
Man lost the dominion of the earth. Man is the reason the nations rebel against Christ.
Man is the reason there is the prince of the power of the air.

How Can Jesus [Our Kinsman Redeemer] Redeem For Us ALL We Have Lost?

1. Jesus had to become our kinsman (member of our family) in order to redeem fallen man and what we lost. This established the legal right.

John 1:14 The Eternal Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

In Heb. 2:10-18, Jesus calls us BRETHREN and qualified Himself to redeem us by partaking of our humanity. The Word says that in all things He was made like His brethren.

Rom. 8:3 At Calvary's cross He was made "in the likeness of sinful flesh" and exhausted God's judgment for us. The cross makes Him our nearest Kinsman.

He destroyed him who had the power of death.

2. The Kinsman Must Have The Power To Redeem All Man Has Lost.

Isa. 50:2 "Is my hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver?"

Redeeming what man has lost is the realm where Jesus excels.

I Tim. 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men...

3. The Kinsman Must Be Willing To Redeem.

Titus 2:14 He gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us...unto Himself, a people for His own possession. He has set His heart upon us to restore all we lost, but He also wants to possess us.

Heb. 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame...

Our Kinsman Redeemer's Successful Restoration of ALL we lost: The Inheritance

1. Restored Property

God says to the Son: Ps. 2:8 "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."

Zech. 14:9 And the LORD shall be King Over All The Earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one.

Gabriel said of Jesus: Luke 1:32-33 "The Lord will give Him the throne of his father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."

Isa. 9:6 "The government will be on His shoulders"

Rev. 2:27 and He will reign over the world "with an iron scepter."

Key Point #1: Jesus Will Reign Over The Earth As A Man.

Dan 7:13-14 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and

was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Key Point #2 We will be able to fulfill the original command given to man (along with Jesus) to exercise dominion over the earth in the Millennium.

Rev 5:9-10 "... you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be kings and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Key Point #3: Rev 11:15 ...there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and He will reign forever and ever."

Key Point #4 I Cor. 2:6-8 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2. Restored Liberty

a. Our Kinsman Redeemer (born of a woman) Redeemed Us From Slavery:

Gal 4:3-5 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

b. We Are Redeemed From Slavery To Fear.

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

Luke 4:18 Jesus (in fulfillment of Isaiah 61:1) said that He had come "to preach deliverance to the captives". The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

²⁰ And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down.

And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him.

²¹ And He began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Isa. 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD; ...

c. Those Who Follow Jesus Will Be Set Free From Slavery To Sin:

John 8:31-32, 36 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Romans 6:16-18 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Col 1:13-14 For he has Rescued Us From The Dominion Of Darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

d. We Are Also Freed From Bondage To Religious Law.

Gal 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

3) Restored Life

Our kinsman (who "shared in our humanity") came to avenge our spiritual death by destroying "him who holds the power of death" i.e. the devil:

Heb 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by his death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

4) Restored Legacy

Jesus started a new line of humanity with those who are "born again":

Rom 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Note the significance of the following prophecy. It shows the Redeemer will be sinless, will bear our iniquities on himself, will die, will rise again - and will produce offspring.

Isaiah 53:9-11 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, He Will See His Offspring And Prolong His Days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Our Inheritance includes an incorruptible body like His; it is eternal life.

It also involves reigning with Him, being members of the government of the eternal kingdom and members of the Royal Family.

Note: We cannot share in this full inheritance until our total redemption is realized.

I Cor. 15:50 I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

I Cor. 15:22-25 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ, the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

Jesus Christ Our Kinsman-Redeemer

Kinsman-Redeemer [From Adversity]

Jesus Christ Our Redeemer [From Sin]

1. Must redeem those who are in need Ruth 4:1-6,15	Came to redeem mankind from sin Mt. 1:21; Luke 19:10
2. Must be blood relative Ruth 2:1; Deut. 25:5-10	Became a man -Jn. 1:14; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 2:14-15
3. Must be able to pay price - Ruth 2:1	Paid the price of blood -Acts 20:28; I Pet. 1:18-19
4. Willing To redeem -Ruth 3:11-13; 4:7-10	Willing To Die -Mt. 20:28; Jn. 10:15; Heb. 10:7, 10
5. Free To Redeem - Ruth 2:1; 4:7-10	Free From Guilt of Sin - II Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 2:22,24

God Places Importance On Our Inheritance: There are ~350 references to inheritance.

- Acts 26:18 "...to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they May Receive forgiveness of sins and an Inheritance Among Them That Are Sanctified By Faith In Me."
- Col. 1:12 "...giving thanks unto the Father, who has qualified and made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."
- Col. 3:24 "...Knowing that of the Lord ye shall Receive The Reward Of The Inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- Heb. 9:15 "And for this cause He is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place of the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called May Receive The Promise Of The Eternal Inheritance."
- I Peter 1:4 "...unto an Inheritance Incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

OPPOSITION TO THE INHERITANCE

A. Satan is vigorously opposed to any inheritance for God's Son.

Matthew 21:38 bears this out. The wicked husbandmen (vinedressers) had stoned the servants, and seeing the coming of the Son of the landowner said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and Seize His Inheritance.' Satan wants to ROB Christ of His inheritance.

B. Satan Is Opposed To The Believer Receiving His Inheritance.

John 10:10a declares Satan comes to KILL, STEAL AND DESTROY.

My Attitude:

1. Our Inheritance Must Be A Consideration In Living The Christian Life.

Our spiritual growth matters. Every decision, every act of walking in the flesh, every selfish act will affect your inheritance, and if it affects your inheritance, it affects Jesus Christ's!

2. Our Inheritance Must Be Sought

Psalms 37:7-9 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off;

But Those Who Wait On The Lord, They Shall Inherit The Earth.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are The Meek, For They Shall Inherit The Earth.

Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Colossians 3:23-25 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Hebrews 6:11-15 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." So, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

3. Our Inheritance Must Be Secured

The inheritance justifies and explains redemption. The Nation of Israel was redeemed when they were brought forth from Egypt. Their redemption was necessary to bring them into their inheritance. Redemption is a far, far greater thing than we have ever imagined.

Redemption is only the beginning of salvation.

The redemption of Israel out of Egypt was a mighty act; a demonstration of the 'exceeding great' power of God; yet all that was not just to have Israel out of Egypt.

The inheritance explained the terrible tragedy of Israel. Six hundred thousand men (aged 20 and above) came out of Egypt, but only two went into the inheritance. The rest of the 600,000 men died in the wilderness. We must read the New Testament in the light of the inheritance which explains our very existence. The Inheritance Is The Full Purpose Of Our Redemption.

- Rom. 8:32 "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?"

- I Cor. 3:21-23 "Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

In giving us His Son, He gives us all things; they are ours. The Apostle says, "All things are yours"; they belong to you. Yet we find Paul in this state, caught up in this sense of tremendous prospect and possibility, of the greatness of what is yet for the Lord's people beyond all his own vast apprehension and attainment.

4. Our Inheritance is Indescribable!

Paul tried to explain the inheritance: I Cor. 2:9 Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

It is an inheritance far beyond our finite mind and limited experience.

If our Christian lives are not characterized by a continuous apprehension of greater fullness's in Christ, there is something very seriously wrong with us.

Phil 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

5. Our Inheritance Is Meant to Be Shared

Acts 26:15-18 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and An Inheritance Among Those Who Are Sanctified By Faith In Me.'

6. Our Inheritance Has A Future Aspect

I Peter 1:3-9 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory At The Appearing Of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to God, and to the Word Of His Grace, which is able to build you up, and To Give You The Inheritance Among All Them That Are Sanctified.