

You Can Inherit All Things With Jesus Christ

Romans 8:16-17 [NIV] *“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

If the Holy Spirit is working in and through us [**John 7:38-39**] we become co-heirs with Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:15-17 [NIV] *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”*

Referring to Jesus Christ the Son of God. Jesus created all things, but notice the words “for Him.” The whole universe was created for Jesus Christ to inherit.

Isaiah 45:18 [NIV] *“For this is what the LORD says, he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited, he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”*

Notice it is not only the earth that was created to be inherited but all the heavens.

Isaiah 9:6-7 [NIV] *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”*

The rulership of Jesus Christ will be without end, in time and space.

Matthew 28:18 [NIV] *“The resurrected Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, has all authority in heaven and earth.”*

Today the earth is the home of all human beings, but the earth is **not** the only possible dwelling place in the universe for human beings who have been given eternal spirit bodies. [**1 Corinthians 15:49-54**]

We all as human beings have at some time gazed up at the stars. When we do this we have glimpsed our destiny! A universe that is beyond our comprehension is out there. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, contains about 200 million stars with their planets.

Yet our galaxy is **not** alone.

Sprinkled throughout the universe are countless other galaxies. Already astronomers have counted over one million galaxies, each containing millions of stars and their planets. All this in a universe that is still expanding into unreachable space.

Psalms 19:1 [NIV] *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”*

No wonder King David exclaimed how the heavens he knew glorified God. How much more would he praise God with the knowledge of the universe we have today.

Job 26:7 [NIV] *“He spreads out the northern [skies] over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.”*

Most of space is empty. This is because of the vast distances between galaxies and stars in each galaxy.

The galaxies are like a few specks of dust floating freely in an enormous room.

Who knows what Jesus Christ is planning to create in all this empty space.

Who knows for sure what awaits resurrected human beings “out there”?

Hebrews 2:5-8 [NIV] *“It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honour and put everything under his feet.” In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.”*

Meditate on this statement, that the Holy Spirit inspired the writer of Hebrews to tell us.

Every human being who qualifies to be given eternal life in the created family of God will rule over a part of this universe.

Matthew 19:28-29 [NIV] *“Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.”*

This is but the start of this future that faithful disciples of Jesus Christ will inherit.

Matthew 19:30 [NIV] *“But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.”*

In these final words Jesus states that there will be some surprises in the final assessment of His disciples. God’s standards of judgement are **not** the same as human standards of judgement. If for no other reason that God sees into the hearts of human beings and knows what really motivates them to do what they do in this human life.

In the new world we are studying there will be a redress of the misjudgements of this age.

It may well be that those who are humble on earth now will have positions of honour and power in the world tomorrow.

It may also be that the great and powerful of this world will be humbled in the world to come.

How do we qualify to receive eternal life and a part in this wonderful world tomorrow?

Luke 16:10 [NIV] *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”*

This is a basic principle that our Creator Jesus Christ will use in His evaluation.

It is **only** a person who performs their responsibilities towards their Saviour, here and now, who can be trusted to rule part of this universe in the future.

Time is running out fast for every human being, our present lives are very short compared with eternity.

[Psalms 39:4-5; Psalms 90:12; Ecclesiastes 12:1]

What are our responsibilities towards our Saviour Jesus Christ?

Matthew 22:36-40 [NIV] *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

This is what is commanded in both Old and New Covenants. How do we do this?

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Offer our lives as a living sacrifice to Jesus Christ who is the object of God’s grace towards all human beings. Then allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and thought patterns, that motivate our actions and words.

Matthew 5:13-16 [NIV] *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

Allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us will cause us to become “salt” that savours the community in which we live. Also a “light” that will lead other humans to their Saviour so that their changed lives will bring glory to their Creator God.

James 1:27 [NIV] *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”*

Are we fulfilling our responsibilities towards those who are less fortunate than we are, such as widows and orphans?

James 5:16 [NIV] *“... the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”*

Our intercessory prayers for those who are sick [see context] and the work of Jesus Christ at this time to prepare a people for His second coming, just as John the Baptist did for His first coming to this earth. [**John 3:1-3**]

Romans 8:18 [NIV] *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”*

This new life we live as Christians will bring trials and suffering. But the future that God is preparing for all who are faithful to Jesus Christ now is well worth the pain and sacrifice of what this world may offer in wealth and prestige.

Romans 8:19-23 [NIV] *“The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”*

The mismanagement of the earth by Satan [**Revelation 12:7-9**] and human beings that has left this earth polluted, unproductive, and frustrated, both physically and spiritually.

The first task we have as created children of God is to restore this earth to its original glory. [**Genesis 1:31**]

Applying the same principle as we read in **Luke 16:10-13** this restoration will be extended to the whole universe which was defaced by Satan in the battle against the Creator God. Every planet we observe in our small corner of the Milky Way galaxy is deeply cratered and unproductive with the exception of the earth, the surface of which God renewed before He created human beings. [**Psalms 104:30**]

Today, before we can start to rule outer space, we have to rule inner space, that difficult small space between our two ears!!