

**Love, Identity and Purpose
Our Inheritance**

Romans 8:16-17 *“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ..”*

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.*

2 Peter 1:3 *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

Galatians 3:26-29 *For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ...And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

Isaiah 53:3-5 *He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.*

Ephesians 2:1, 4-7, 10 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

This is how much God loves us, that it pleased the Father for the Son to go to the Cross and exchange all of our sinfulness for all of His blessings.

At the Cross...

Jesus was punished	You are forgiven
Jesus was made sin	You are made righteous
Jesus was rejected	You are accepted
Jesus was cut off by sin	You are joined to God
Jesus bore our shame	You share His glory
Jesus was wounded	You are healed
Jesus became poor	You share His abundance
Jesus became a curse	You receive His blessing
Jesus dies our death	You share His life

Homework assignment for this week.

Ask God to strengthen the conviction in your heart that you are His son or daughter and His heir with Christ.

Romans 8:14-17 *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 with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*