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"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons (children) of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father'. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the Children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs even of God, and Joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. 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." (Romans 8:14-18)

Heirs: from the Greek word <u>kleronomoi</u> which means: <u>heirs</u>; those persons who have a right to inherit, and take possession of things granted to them through the will or testament of a parent or benefactor. In context: the <u>children of God</u>: believers in Christ Jesus.

Joint-heirs: from the Greek word <u>synkleronomoi</u> which means: <u>co-heirs</u>, <u>joint-heirs</u>, <u>fellow-heirs</u>; in context: the <u>children of God</u>: believers, saints in Christ Jesus, who will inherit things in common with Jesus in the Kingdom of God.

With Christ: from the Greek words <u>de Christou</u> which means: <u>with Christ</u>; in context: Jesus is Heir of all things from God His Father, as it says:

"God, ..., has in these last days spoken unto us in His Son, whom He has appointed <u>Heir</u> <u>of all things</u>, through whom also He made the ages. Who being the Brightness of His (the Father's) glory, and the express image of His (the Father's) person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when <u>He had through Himself purged our sins</u>, and sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High; being made so much better than the angels, as He has <u>by inheritance</u> obtained a <u>more excellent Name</u> than they." (Hebrews 1:1-4)

And, in context, the saints: the sanctified children of God are <u>fellow-heirs</u> with Christ Jesus of things shared in common with Jesus according to the will of the God the Father, according to His blessings for us His adopted children in Christ Jesus.

Our inheritance is founded upon God's prophetic promise to Abraham as follows:

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, 'By Myself have I sworn, says the LORD, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, <u>your only son</u>; that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; ... and in your <u>Seed (speaking of Christ Jesus)</u> shall <u>all the nations (peoples) of the earth be blessed</u>; because you have obeyed My voice.' " (Genesis 22:15-18)

The promise is fulfilled in Christ Jesus, as it says:

"Christ has Redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us (through His death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins): for it is written, 'Cursed is every one who hangs on a tree' (Deuteronomy 21:23); so that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed (descendants), and heirs according to the promise (of God the Father)." (Galatians 3:13-14; ... 29)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade 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." (I Peter 1:3-5)

We, the Children of God in Christ Jesus, have inherited many blessings from the Father through and in Jesus, as it says:

"Blessed be the <u>God and Father</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings</u> in heavenly places <u>in Christ</u>; according as <u>He (the Father)</u> has chosen us <u>in Him (in Jesus)</u> before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him <u>in love</u>; having predestinated us unto the <u>adoption of children</u> through <u>Jesus Christ</u> to <u>Himself</u>, according to <u>the good pleasure of His will</u>, to the praise of the glory <u>of His grace</u>, wherein <u>He</u> has made us accepted <u>in the Beloved (in Jesus)</u>; <u>in whom</u> we have <u>Redemption through His blood</u>, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of <u>His grace</u>; in which <u>He</u> has abounded toward us <u>in all wisdom and prudence</u>; having made known unto us the mystery of <u>His will</u>, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times <u>He might gather together in one all things in Christ</u>, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; <u>even in Him</u>; <u>in whom also we have obtained an inheritance</u>, being predestinated according to the purpose of <u>Him</u> who works all things after the counsel of <u>His own will</u>." (Ephesians 1:3-11)

Perhaps of most importance the children of God are Heirs even of God Himself! In this, the saints in Christ Jesus are prophetically like the tribe of Levites, whose inheritance was God Himself! Please consider the following:

"The <u>priests the Levites</u>, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part <u>nor inheritance (of land)</u> with Israel. They shall eat the LORD's offerings made by fire, and <u>His inheritance</u>. Therefore, <u>they shall have no inheritance</u> among their brethren (Israel); for <u>the LORD is their inheritance</u>, as He <u>has said</u> unto them." (Deuteronomy 18:1-2)(see also Numbers 18:20 for <u>original promise</u>)

Thus, it also says concerning our inheritance in and with and through Christ Jesus:

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth <u>the Spirit of His Son</u> into your hearts, crying, <u>Abba, Father</u>. Therefore, you are no longer a servant, **but a son**; and **if a son (a child)**, then an **heir of God through Christ**." (Galatians 4:7)

Our inheritance in and with Christ Jesus is an Eternal Inheritance, founded upon His shed blood on the Cross:

"But Christ having come <u>as a High Priest of good things to come</u>, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor through the blood of goats and calves, but <u>through His own blood</u> He entered in <u>once</u> into the Holy Place, <u>having obtained eternal redemption for us.</u> For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, <u>sanctifies</u> to the purifying of the flesh; <u>how much more shall the blood of Christ</u>, who through the eternal Spirit <u>offered Himself without spot (sinless) to God</u>, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause <u>He (Jesus)</u> is the <u>Mediator of the New Covenant</u>, so that by means of death (His death), for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the First Covenant, <u>those who are called</u> might receive <u>the promise of Eternal Inheritance</u>." (Hebrews 9:11-15)

Some things which the children of God shall inherit with Christ Jesus:

Jesus said, "And every one who has forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive <u>a hundredfold</u>, and <u>shall inherit Everlasting Life</u>." (Matthew 19:29)

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for those (saints) who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14)

Jesus said, "Then shall **the King** (Jesus Himself) say unto those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the Kingdom** (of God) prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' " (Matthew 25:34)

"Hearken, my beloved brethren, has not God chosen the poor of this world (who are) rich in faith, and **heirs of the Kingdom (of God)** which **He has promised** to those who love Him?" (James 2:5)

"And I saw a <u>New Heaven</u> and a <u>New Earth</u>; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the <u>Holy City, New Jerusalem</u>, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle **of God** is with men, and **He** will dwell with them, and they shall be **His people**, and **God Himself shall be with them, and be their God**. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And He who sat upon the throne said, '**Behold, I make** <u>all things new</u>.' And He said unto me, 'Write: for <u>these words are true and faithful.</u>' " (Revelation 21:1-5)

Not everyone will Inherit all things with Christ Jesus! Please consider the following:

"Do you not Know that **the unrighteous** shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: **neither** fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God." (I Corinthians 6:9-10)

"Envying, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and such similar-things: of the which I tell you beforehand, as I have also told you in time past, that **those who** do such things **shall not inherit the Kingdom of God**." (see Galatians 5:19-21)

"Then <u>He</u> (King Jesus) shall say also unto those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; Truly I say unto you, 'Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me. And these shall go away into <u>everlasting punishment</u>: but **the righteous** (in Christ Jesus) into <u>Life Eternal</u>." (Matthew 25:41, 45-46)

But the Good-news is:

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the <u>Tree of Life</u>, and may enter in through the gates into the City (the New Jerusalem)." (Revelation 22:14)

We are Joint Heirs With Christ

Heirs according to the promise of God the Father!
Heirs of an inheritance that will not fade away, reserved in Heaven for us!

We are Heirs of salvation!
We are Heirs of Eternal Life!
We are Heirs of the Kingdom of God!
We are Heirs of the New Heavens and Earth!
And most importantly – We are Heirs of God Himself!!

All Praise and Glory be to You the Father, and to You Christ Jesus that we are eternally joint-heirs with the Son of God in His Glorious Kingdom!!

Truly Truly !! Always and Always !! With You Forever and Ever !! Amen and Amen !!