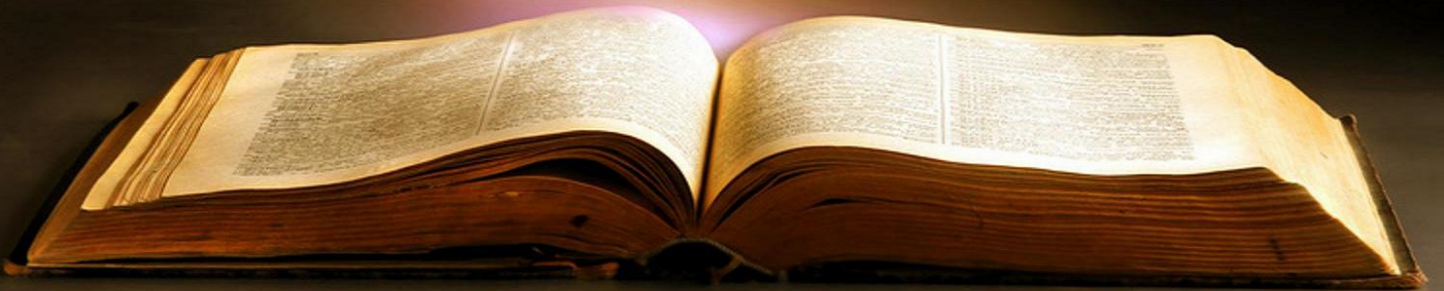


# OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST



## **BIBLE STUDY MANUAL**



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## **Week 1. OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST**

**Central Theme:** Knowing our inheritance in Christ.

**Main Text:** *Ephesians 1:11-14*

*"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..."*

### **Introduction:**

Our inheritance in Christ speaks to the full package of our salvation bought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which was shed on the cross to redeem us, reconciling us back to God the Father, who is the source of the inheritance, the Holy Spirit being our principal inheritance in Christ.

Galatians 3:13-14

The above text affirms the fact that we did not work for our inheritance in Christ, but we obtained it based on our redemption through the works of Christ.

Therefore, by virtue of being born again, we are automatically qualified as beneficiaries of the inheritance in Christ.

Acts 20:32.

### **Discussion**

- What is our inheritance in Christ?

Our inheritance in Christ is invaluable, it is absolutely priceless. There's nothing more anyone can ask for than to receive everlasting life, be translated from the kingdom of darkness into light, experience forgiveness of sins, live in divine health, have heavenly provision, and enjoy intimate fellowship with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Activity/Assignment for this week:** What categories of our inheritance in Christ can you identify in your life.



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### **Week 2. - Understanding Our Inheritance in Christ**

**Central Theme:** Our inheritance in Christ is not of works, but it is a gift from God.

**Main text:** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

#### **Introduction:**

When you are born into a family, you automatically have access to everything that belongs to that lineage, even though you have to be fully aware of the worth (the value) of that inheritance for you to be able to experience its full benefits.

You could have done all you thought you did to earn it, and yet such opportunities would still not have been given to you by God.

Understand, therefore, that there are many others who did more than you have done but didn't receive the favour you got.

Romans 9:15-16.

**Discussion:** Briefly explain your understanding of our inheritance in Christ.

The pathway to our inheritance is the way of the cross. If you have not given your life to Jesus Christ, this is the time to do so. Say these words and truly mean them from your heart:

*“Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you for your mercy towards me. I respond now to your knock. I confess with my mouth that you are Lord and believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead. I am saved by your grace.  
Halleluyah”*

**Activity for the week:** Prayerfully write out a short confession (with scriptures) about our inheritance in Christ relating to at least three areas (or more) in your life.

**Further scriptures:** 2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 4:7; and 2 Corinthians 4:7.



## Week 3 - Components of Our Inheritance in Christ

**Central theme:** To have an understanding of what makes up our inheritance/what our inheritance comprises of.

**Main Text:** Ephesians 1 vs 11- 12

### **Introduction:**

Understanding these components opens us up to what we need and should walk in which we have obtained by The FINISHED WORK of CHRIST through His death, burial and resurrection.

The following are some of these components:

- **The Holy Spirit** – Earnest (first installment/guaranty) of all God has given us Eph 1:14
- **Eternal life:** We have God's life in us John 3 vs 16
- **Freedom from sin and guilt:** We are free from living in sin and have victory over it. Romans 3 vs 23; Romans 8 vs 2; Romans 6 vs 5 – 11
- **Adoption into sonship:** The result of spiritual birth is that we are recognized as sons and daughters of God and can call Him our Father. We are no longer slaves to fear. Romans 8 vs 15 – 16
- **Righteousness:** When we live having a right standing with God, we can stand before Him and not feel condemned. Phil. 3 vs 3-9; Romans 3 vs 21 – 22

Others include:

- **Freedom from fear, Divine provision, Divine protection, Freedom from sickness, Grace, Peace**

### **Discussion:**

Share your experience of a new way of living in relation to the above-mentioned Components of our inheritance in Christ.

### **Conclusion:**

We have been redeemed from every curse of the law.

### **Assignment/Activity for the Week:**

Do a search of your soul and Spirit-man and see if you're not working in guilt of any past sin you have already repented of.



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**Week 4 - Prayer Break:**

**Meditation / Confession**

- *Meditate on the scriptures below (think about their meaning, mutter them in your mouth, then confess them as a reality in your life)*
- *Do these for some time before you start to pray*

**Bible Text**

*Text 1: Ephesians 1:18*

*".. I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones! (The Passion Translation)*

*Text 2: Luke 24:45*

*"And He opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures". (KJV)*

*Text: Psalm 119:18; Eph 1: 16-19; Colo 1:9-12; Prov. 10:4*

**Prayers - knowing and understanding**

- Thank you, Jesus, for what you have provided for those that believe in you. I deeply appreciate your love and power toward us. I am grateful.
- Father, open my eyes so that I may see and know my inheritance in Christ!
- Lord, illuminate my understanding that I understand, in practical terms, my inheritance in Christ!



## Week 5 - We belong to God

**Central theme:** *We are God's possession/inheritance.*

### **Main text:**

*"But you are God's chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience his marvelous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders throughout the world."*

1Peter 2:9(TPT), Deut 7:6-8,

### **Introduction:**

In the former testament, the Israelites were God's people and possession Deut 7:6.

In the present testament, those that have received Christ are now God's inheritance. Like a father, he owns us, we are His children. Therefore, we have Him as our inheritance; our exceeding great reward Gen 15:1, 1Pet 2:10. It is a privilege.

We are therefore

- Redeemed back to God Titus 2:14
- Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3; 2:6)
- To show forth and proclaim His glory in and through us 1Pet 2:9
- To be holy and without blame before Him in love Eph 1h4
- To be God's workmanship for good works Eph 2:10
- To show the many sides (manifold) of His wisdom through us to the principalities and powers Eph 3:10

**Discussion:** Can you remember other obligations and benefits we have because of this great privilege?

### **Conclusion:**

It is important that we know that we belong to God and not our own. As members of God's family, called by His name, we are subject to Him, we cannot walk by the counsel of the ungodly, for we walk by God's Spirit. We renounce the works of the flesh. We are protected, we are blessed.

**Assignment/Activity for this week:** Download and read the book "In Him" by Kanneth E. Hagin



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### **Week 6 - How to Appropriate Our Inheritance in Christ**

**Central Theme:** Learn to claim your inheritance in Christ.

**Main text:** Rom 4:13; Eph 1:16-19

#### **Introduction:**

*Just as it is possible in physical for one to have inherited a massive estate and still be living in poverty because of ignorance, so it is with our Spiritual inheritances.*

*There are also some of us who have seen the legal documentation of our inheritances in Christ but do not know how to appropriate it.*

#### **Case in study:**

*Femi has spent the last five years searching for a job after graduation, he currently lives with a friend in a small room with shared facilities in a slummy part of town. Femi's Dad had died suddenly when he was 19 years. While clearing out his father's room, he found some documents that belonged to his Dad. They contained legal terms and were a bit difficult to understand, so he didn't bother to read them, however, he kept the documents to honour the memory of his father.*

*What Femi didn't know is that his Dad had invested 1.5million naira as a seed investment in a start-up oil palm processing company in Ondo State 5 years prior to his death. Currently, that investment is worth 25 million naira, and Femi is the documented next of kin.*

#### **Discussion**

*Being in the position of Femi, what will I do in order to appropriate my inheritance?*

*Structure the truth of your inheritance into confessions that are clear and simple. "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;" Psalm 107:2.*

**Conclusion:** Our inheritance will easily be acquired when we know what they are, take every required responsibility, and pray them in faith into our lives.

**Activity for the week:** Ask God in prayer to reveal part of your inheritances that show you how to overcome the situation(s) you may be facing.



## **Week 7 - Hindrances to enjoying our inheritance in Christ**

**Main text:** "Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom". Luke 12:32

### **Introduction**

The parable of the two sons (Luke 15: 11-32) illuminates not only how the younger son strayed from the father, but also how the "fervent" son, who believed so much in his service, disconnected himself from his inheritance.

### **Scenario:**

Kasaki is the first of three children. His father left the family when he was young. His Mum raised him and his siblings through university and they now all have good jobs. His Dad got born again and came back many years after to ask for forgiveness and his mother wholeheartedly forgave him. Kasaki cannot understand how his mother easily forgave him and is still very angry and avoids interaction with his father. He believes that he is an adult now and does not need a father anymore. He is a worker in his church where the whole family worships however, he usually feels there is a gap in his relationship with God. He is also bothered that he has been pursuing a promotion at work which so far has eluded him.

**Discussion:** What can you outline as the possible hindrances to Kasaki experiencing his inheritance with Christ? What guidance will you give to him should he come to you for counsel?

### ***Other hindrances to appropriating our inheritance include:***

ignorance, immaturity, self-reliance, unbelief and pride, and so on.

### **Conclusion**

Offense/unforgiveness, pride, and other hindrances discussed in this lesson will make a man think highly of himself and regard his own sufficiency and capacity instead of recognizing God as the Source. Beware! Phil 2:5-11, 1 Cor 1:28-29, Prov 29:23, Jam4:6, 10, Prov 16:18

**Assignment/Activity for the week:** Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify and get rid of any known and unknown hindrance to your inheritance in Christ.





## **Week 8 – Prayer Break**

### ***Meditation / Confession***

- *Meditate on the scriptures below (think about their meaning, mutter them in your mouth, then confess them as a reality in your life)*
- *Do these for some time before you start to pray*

### ***Bible Text***

*Text 1: 2 Corinthians 1:20*

“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. ”

*Text 2: Eze 12:28*

“Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD. ”

*Text: Eph 3:16-19*

### ***Prayers - Casting down imaginations***

*Hold someone close to you and pray these for him/her*

- Father we thank you for what we have learned so far
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help him/her take this truth and convert them to practical reality.
- Pray that God will grant him/her supernatural strength to overcome contradictory thoughts, feelings, and events as he/she stands on the word revealed in scripture.



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### Week 9 - Our obligations based on our inheritance in Christ

#### Main text:

*"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. "*

2 Peter 1: 5 - 8

#### Introduction

Our inheritance in Christ is assured and confirmed by the Holy Ghost. God is ever ready to support us and has provided us with all we need. However, we have the responsibility to lay hold on the available inheritance. Expecting that all things will come to us on a platter of gold can only result in self-deceit.

In our main scripture for this week, we see that having faith in what Christ has done and provided is important, but for it will only be apparent and fruitful in your life with the addition of some attributes

- Knowledge – you must have an abundance of every inheritance you have in Christ Jesus Vs 5
- Virtue – be ready to be fruitful in every good work Col 1:10 (GNB)
- Patience - In your patience possess ye your souls. Lk 21:19
- Love - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. Gal 5:13

**Discussion:** What are the other responsibilities we should exhibit based on the great inheritance we have in Christ?

#### Conclusion:

When a monarch is enthroned, he/she inherits many privileges. However, the enthronement also confers responsibilities on him/her which must be taken on from that date. In Christ, our inheritance is assured and so are our responsibilities.

**This week's assignment/activity:** Brood on our main text this week so that it starts to become apparent in your life Joshua 1:8

**Scriptures for further study:** 2 Cor 8:5, Rom 8: 29 - 30



## Week 10 - Our Responsibility based on our Inheritance in Christ

**Main text:** Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands" 2 Tim 1:6

### Case Study

Michael has been born again for 7 years. He can quote a lot of scriptures and seems to be able to explain complex scriptures when in discussion with his friends. He attends church on Sundays but does not make time for prayers, fellowship, or any other spiritual activities. He claims that his work is busy, but he spends more time hanging out with his friends and misses deadlines at work. His boss often corrects him about his output and attitude toward work. His annual appraisal was recently concluded but he was not promoted. Michael was upset because he had prayed about the promotion and felt he deserved it.

**Discussion:** What do you think is the challenge with Michael? Do you think he is walking in his inheritance in Christ? What advice will you give to him?

### Taking Responsibility

In order to take responsibility we should:

- Be imitators of God who gives the inheritance (Ephesians 5:1-5)
- Avoid idleness and be diligent (1 Timothy 5:13)
- Engage in activities that stir our faith (Heb 10:25, 1Thes 5:16-19)
- Act on the word of God about our inheritance (James 1:22-25)
- Understand that as believers we have a duty to labour (1 Cor. 4:12).

### Conclusion

As believers, Christ's inheritance is firmly available to us. However, taking ownership is our responsibility. In Titus 2:7 we are encouraged to take responsibility by showing a pattern of behaviour consistent with the faith.

**Assignment/Activity for the week:** Prayerfully consider areas of your life in which you are not taking action and ask for guidance on steps to take towards being more effective.



## **Week 11 – Prayer Break**

### ***Meditation / Confession***

- *Meditate on the scriptures below (think about their meaning, mutter them in your mouth, then confess them as a reality in your life)*
- *Do these for some time before you start to pray*

### ***Bible Text***

*Text 1: 2 Peter 1:4*

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

*Text 2: Ephesians 2:10*

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them...”

*Text 3: Is 41:15*

“Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.”

### ***Prayers - God’s weapons of solutions***

- *Thank God for keeping and sustaining you and your family.*
- *Thank God for giving you victory over sin.*
- *Pray to live to please God all the days of your life.*
- *Lord help me to help others fulfill their God’s given destiny.*
- *Lord, make me a source of motivation for someone in our generation.*