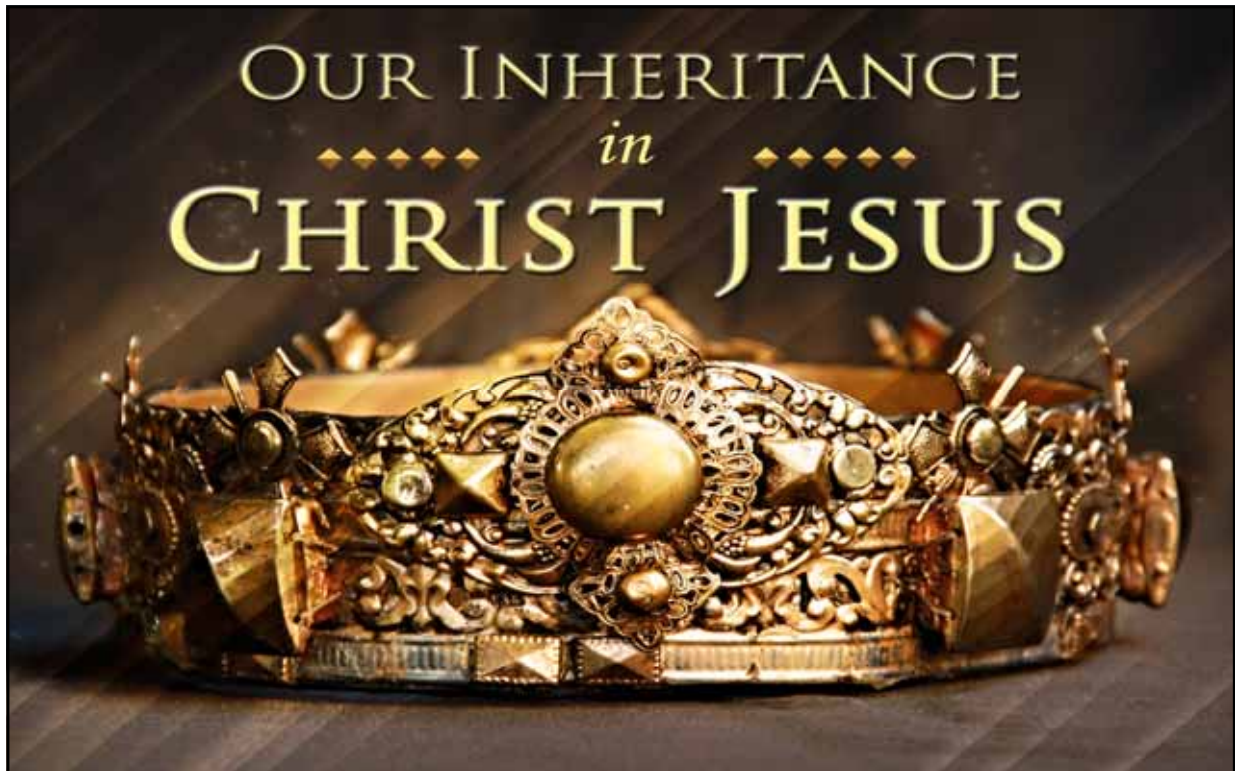


# 3 Steps to Heaven?

*“Getting us to heaven is not near as great a challenge as it is to get heaven into us”  
(Bill Johnson)*





"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1: 11-14 NIV Bible



"Since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3: 24 NIV Bible

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

John 1: 12-13 NIV Bible




"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son." Revelation 21: 1-7 NIV Bible

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you" 1 Peter 1: 3-4 NIV Bible

### ❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Imperishable.*

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6: 19-20 NIV Bible



### ❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Imperishable.*

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." 1 Peter 1: 23 NIV Bible

### ❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Unspoiled.*

"Holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens."

Hebrews 7:26 NIV Bible



❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Unspoiled.*

"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful" Revelation 21:27 NIV Bible

❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Unfading.*



❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Reserved.*

"Looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" Hebrews 11:10 NIV Bible

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> Set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." 2 Corinthians 1: 21 -22 NIV Bible



## ❖ *Our Inheritance in Christ is Reserved.*

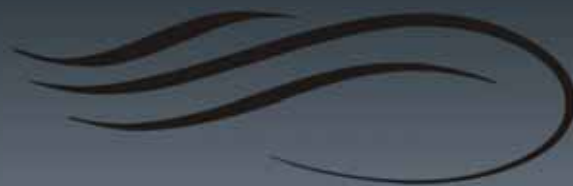
"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand." [John 10:28-29 NIV Bible](#)

"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." [Romans 8:17 NIV Bible](#)



"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." [2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NIV Bible](#)

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does." [John 5:19 NIV Bible](#)



"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." [Colossians 3:1-2 NIV Bible](#)

- **The outpouring of the Holy Spirit** ([Matthew 3:16](#), [Acts 2](#))
- Provision and blessing ([Deuteronomy 28:12](#), [Malachi 3:10](#))
- **Salvation—Ourselves and Others** ([Isaiah 45:8](#))
- Prophetic Revelation and Access to God's Throne ([Exodus 24:9-11](#), [Ezekiel 1:1](#))
- **Healing** ([Matthew 10:7-8](#))



"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." [Matthew 10:7-8 NIV Bible](#)

"This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'" [Matthew 6:9-10 NIV Bible](#)



- Changes the way we pray.
- Changes the way we see.
- Changes the way we think and act.
- We will be conscious of what Father is doing 'NOW' and the resources that are available to us 'NOW'.



- We will have confidence in exercising our authority.
- Our faith will be increased.
- We will live in constant expectation.
- We will live centred upon God.

