

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)







**Why? Because we are children of God.
God is our Father.**

Ephesians ch1 v6

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.



Ephesians ch 1 v7-8

⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Jesus went through all that pain
because he loves me.
He paid for my mess ups,
my mistakes,
my guilt,
my hatred,
my life,
so I could be freed.
So I can have new a life.

Ephesians ch 1 v9-10

⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

Rugeley Community



Ephesians ch 1 v11

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1 Peter ch 1 v3-4

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. **Now we live with great expectation, ⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.**



That is the way God works.

I am, you are, adopted and now have the full identity of God.

You, I have, the full inheritance of God.



Ephesians Ch 1 v 14

The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.

Ephesians ch 1 v 18

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light
so that you can understand the confident hope
he has given to those he called—
his holy people who are his rich and glorious
inheritance.



Philippians ch 4 v 6-7 New Living Translation (NLT)

**6 Don't worry about anything;
instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need,
and thank him for all he has done.**

**7 Then you will experience God's peace, which
exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will
guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ
Jesus.**



Ephesians ch 1 v 19

**I also pray that you will understand the incredible
greatness of God's power for us who believe him.**



Ephesians ch 1 v 21-23

Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Pray together in small groups to encourage each other in the knowledge and blessing that we are a child of God and have an inheritance, because we are God's family.

If you have only glimpsed Jesus before today,
and need Jesus as Lord and Saviour
please come see Richard or Jacqueline.

If you need prayer please come to the front.