

Our Riches in Christ

(Knowing what belongs to you)

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The believer in Christ is an extraordinary being! He is God's Superman on the earth and should never see himself or be seen by others as one who lacks or wants for anything God has already provided for him in Christ. Jesus stated unequivocally that "... *he who believes in Me HAS everlasting life*" (John 6:47). The believer in Christ has! He possesses or owns..!

Apostle Paul said, "Therefore let no one boast in men. For ALL THINGS ARE YOURS: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come – ALL ARE YOURS. And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (1 Cor. 3:21-23). All things are yours in Christ! "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?" (Romans 8:32).

Notice this verse says these things have been FREELY given by God and they are ALL in Christ (with Him). If it is not in Christ, it is not of God! The believer ought to know that whatever is not in Christ does not belong to him. Christ's death, burial and resurrection made it possible for us to have access to God and all that He is.

Yes, we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). The phrase "In Christ" is the signature of God in the New Covenant and it means "in union with Christ". There are over 130 of such expressions in varying degrees like "in Him", "in Whom", "through Him", "by Whose" etc. in the epistles (letters) written to the churches in the bible. A diligent believer will pay attention to these expressions, underline them in his bible and understand that the things mentioned before or after such expressions are realities within him.

Take for instance, **Ephesians 1:3** says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING in the heavenly places IN CHRIST," This verse clearly tells us that we are already blessed! The word "blessed" implies that it is already done! It is not going to happen again, it is a past tense reality! So it is wrong for a believer to start looking for blessings from one Prayer Mountain to another! You are irreversibly blessed. Now, the Greek word translated "blessed" used twice

in this verse is "eulogeo" means "to speak well of or to invoke a benediction upon" and the word "blessing" is "eulogia" in the Greek which also means an invocation of praise or commendation, a benefit. What these simply mean is that God has spoken well of us and invoked upon us benefits which Apostle Paul says are spiritual! He went further to explain what these spiritual blessings are in the following verses:

Vs 4. He has chosen us in Him to be holy (set apart) and without blame in love

Vs. 5. We are predestinated as sons by Jesus Christ

Vs. 6. We are accepted in the Beloved

Vs. 7. We have redemption through His blood which is forgiveness of our sins

Vs. 11. We have obtained an inheritance being predestinated according to His purpose

Vs. 13. We are sealed by the promised Holy Spirit

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These are the spiritual blessings we have in Christ Jesus! They are internal and eternal! These blessings are within the believers in Christ and they are forever!

Apostle Peter also stated in his letter to the Church "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM who called us unto glory and virtue (2 Pet. 1:2-4).

You have been given all things in Christ. This means that you don't need to struggle or do anything special to have what you already have. No prophetic prayer is necessary! No special impartation is required! Nobody prays for what is in his possession. However, it is possible for you to have something and not know that you have it. This is why the greatest gift you can ever ask from God is the gift of knowledge i.e. a precise or accurate insight into what God has provided for you. Revelation knowledge is a spiritual comprehension and appreciation of what is rightfully yours. This kind of knowledge is called *Epignosis* in the Greek language. It takes an enlightened mind to see these riches in Christ. Peter said in the above quoted verses that the things that pertain to life and godliness are recognised and accessed through knowledge.

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Paul prayed using that same word for the Ephesian believers this way in **Eph. 1:17** "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, v.18 the eyes of YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS" Now, please pay attention to this prayer which I personally regard as the most important prayer documented in the bible. Paul is asking from God to give to these believers the wisdom of the Spirit which he also calls revelation in the knowledge of Christ so that the inner eyes of their minds would be flooded with light and this would cause them to know the hope of their calling. That hope really is what He called "*CHRIST IN YOU the hope of glory...*" in **Col. 1:27**. (Other ref. **1Cor. 15:12; 1Tim. 1:1**). He went further to say that they would know the riches of the glory of God's inheritance in the saints. Oh, did you see that? He said these riches are where? **IN THE SAINTS!** The believers in Christ are the ones called saints not necessarily dead people! Are you born again? Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life? You are a saint! You have been set apart, washed and cleansed by the Name of Jesus (**1 Cor. 6:11**)! God's riches are in us the saints! If they are in us, it stands to reason that they are invisible. If they are invisible it also

means that they are not physical. If they are not physical, it's very clear that they are spiritual! Our riches are spiritual, they cannot be quantified nor qualified with/in material and monetary terms.

They are referred to by Jesus as *true riches* (Lk. 16:11)

The writer of Hebrews calls them *Christ's greater riches* (Heb. 11:26).

Paul called these riches:

The riches of His grace (Eph. 1:7).

The exceeding riches of His grace (Eph. 2:7).

The unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8).

The riches of His glory (Eph. 3:16; Col 1:27).

The riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

You are richer or wealthier than you can ever imagine! They are spiritual and all in you! You need to recognize these riches on the inside of you and stop chasing shadows on the outside! Material things cannot be used as examples of our riches in Christ. If they are in Christ, they are spiritual, and because you are in Christ, these spiritual riches are in you! There is a vast difference between the material riches in the world which by the way, every human being on earth including you has access to (**Eccl. 5:9; Matt 5:45**) and the spiritual riches in Christ which are only within the purview of the believers in Christ. You don't need to know Christ to be wealthy. You only need to be smart or hard working to have them. Some inherited this material wealth from their parents. In fact majority of the richest people in the world today are not Christians (this means they are not born again) if what believers have is what unbelievers can also boast about then they are not our riches in Christ. Apostle Paul distinguishes material wealth from spiritual riches by telling Timothy to "CHARGE THEM THAT ARE RICH

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IN THIS WORLD, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" **1 Tim 6:17**. He calls these riches uncertain riches, hence what he later concludes that God gives us richly to enjoy cannot be the same uncertain riches, they have to be things that money cannot buy which definitely are spiritual blessings!

Someone said long time ago that the richest places on earth are cemeteries where the unreleased and unrealized talents and potentials of men were buried with them" I totally disagree with that statement and you should too. Why? The richest places on earth couldn't have been where dead men are buried where as they are people who are alive in whom God dwells by His Spirit (**1 Cor. 6:19-20**). The richest places have to be where God lives! He lives within the believer with all His spiritual resources. Paul praying for Philemon states: "*That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging (epignosis) of EVERY GOOD THING WHICH IS IN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS*" (**Philm. 6**).

As you accurately understand and precisely recognize every good thing in you in Christ Jesus, the sharing of your faith will become effective! Your outlook of yourself will be different! There is absolutely nothing that you need that you don't already have! There is nothing wrong with you! Do not allow the devil or unfavourable circumstances talk you out of your spiritual riches in Christ! 🙏

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