

The Kingdom—Inheritance of the Saints

Colossians 1:9-14

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Memory Verse:

“Joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.” —Colossians 1:12

God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and the wealth of every mine.

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.” —Romans 8:16-17

Inheritance is for:

1. **Family** Only

“For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.” —Ephesians 5:5

“Nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” —1 Corinthians 6:10

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
—Galatians 5:19-21

Four kinds of Sin:

1. **ORIGINAL** Sin
2. Sins of **Commission**
3. Sins of **OMISSION**
4. Sin of **Unbelief**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Which of the four kinds of sin will condemn someone? #4, Sin of Unbelief.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” —John 3:16-18

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” —John 1:12

2. The **Kingdom** is Mine.

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” —Matthew 5:3

“Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?” —James 2:5

3. Down **Payment**

“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, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.” —Ephesians 1:13-15

2 Corinthians 1:21-23, “...and put his Spirit in our hearts as a **deposit**, guaranteeing what is to come.”

2 Corinthians 5:5, “...has given us the Spirit as a **deposit**, guaranteeing what is to come.”

ἄρραβων ar-hrab-ohn' New Testament Greek, direct copy from Hebrew
KJV—“earnest”

—money given as a pledge or down payment that the full amount will subsequently be paid

ערבון ar-aw-bone' Old Testament Hebrew 1) pledge, security

Simple definition of the Kingdom of God—anywhere Jesus **reigns** as Lord.