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klhrono,moj ***kleronomos***, nominative  
masculine singular, an heir.

# **Doctrine of Inheritance, Part 1**

## **Christ's Qualification for Inheritance**

**1. klhrono,moj n. inheritance, possession,  
property**

**klhronome,w v. to possess, to receive as one's  
own possession, to obtain.**

- **a birthright, which one enters by virtue of their sonship, Gal. 4:30; Heb. 1:4**
- **property received as a gift in contrast to reward, Heb 1:14; 6:12**
- **property received on condition of obedience to certain conditions  
1 Pet. 3:9**
- **reward based on meeting certain conditions and following certain activities**

**2. Christ is the heir of all things**  
**Heb. 1:2**

**Heb. 1:2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.**

**3. Christ's inheritance is based on His successful completion of His strategic victory on the cross.**




**Hebrews 1:4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.**

**4. Christ's character in His humanity was developed through "learning obedience though the things He suffered."**

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teleio,w , *teleio*, to complete, bring to  
an end, finish, accomplish, bring to  
maturity

**Hebrews 5:8 Although He was a Son,  
He learned obedience from the things  
which He suffered.**

**5. He advanced spiritually through learning doctrine, living under the filling of the Holy Spirit; and producing capacity righteousness.**

**6. Christ's character is further defined  
as the fruit of the Spirit;  
Gal. 5:22–23; Eph. 5:9**

**7. His impeccability qualified Him to go the cross as our Redeemer.**



**8. His spiritual growth qualified Him  
for His inheritance. Psa. 2:8;  
Heb. 1:2**

**Psalm 2:8 “Ask of Me, and I will surely  
give the nations as Your inheritance,  
And the very ends of the earth as Your  
possession.”**

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## **Doctrine of Inheritance, Part 2**

**The Common Inheritance of All Believers as  
Royal Family of God**

- 1. Our Heirship is based on Adoption, Sonship, therefore inheritance is related to positional truth.  
Gal. 3:29, 4:1**

**Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears  
witness with our spirit that we are  
children of God,**

**Rom. 8:17 and if children, heirs also,  
heirs of God and fellow heirs with  
Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in  
order that we may also be glorified with  
Him.**

**A woman without her man is nothing.**



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heirs of God, and fellow heirs with  
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that we may also be glorified with Him.**

## **2. Two classifications of inheritance: heir of God and heir of Christ**

**3. The condition for being a joint heir of Christ is suffering with him.**

**4. Heirship of God is based on the grace promise of the Abrahamic Covenant.**

**Gal. 3:29 And if you belong to Christ,  
then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs  
according to promise.**

**Rom. 4:13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**

**Rom. 4:14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,**

**5. Heirship demands eternal life,  
because the son must have the  
same life as the Father. Titus 3:5–7**

**Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,**



**Titus 3:6 whom He poured out upon us  
richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
Titus 3:7 that being justified by His  
grace we might be made heirs  
according to the hope of eternal life.**

**6. Heirship means to share the destiny of Christ: Christ has an eternal destiny, we share it as we share His election.**

**Eph. 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,**

**1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

**7. Inheritance is both a present reality  
and a future possession.**

**1 Pet. 1:4, 5**

**Eph. 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,**

**Eph. 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

**Eph. 1:14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.**



**8. Heirship means eternal security, an inheritance undefiled,  
Eph. 1:13–14; 1 Pet. 1:4, 5**

**1 Pet. 1:4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,**

**1 Pet. 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**9. God the Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, Eph. 1:14; Gal. 4:6**

**Eph. 1:14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.**

# **10. The common inheritance of all believers includes:**

**A resurrection body**

**Eternal life**

**No more sorrow, no more tears,  
no more pain**

**Eternity in heaven**

# **Inheritance, Part 3; Distinctions in the Inheritance**

# 1. The problem:

**2. Conclusion. There are two categories of inheritance**



**Rom. 8:17 and if children, heirs also,  
heirs of God and fellow heirs with  
Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in  
order that we may also be glorified with  
Him.**

**Gal. 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

**3. Just as Christ inherits the kingdom (Ps. 2:8–9) due to His loyalty to God the Father (Heb. 1:8–9 quoting Ps. 45:6–7) so will the joint heirs with Christ.**

**4. Thus the kingdom has been promised to those who love God and not all believers love God. Love for God is expressed through obedience to God (John 14:21–24).**

## **5. Negative illustration: Esau**

**Heb. 12:16 that there be no immoral or  
godless person like Esau, who sold his  
own birthright for a single meal.**