

Colossians Series

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**COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Endgame: Inheritance
Colossians 1:12**

Col. 1:9, “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col. 1:10, “that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Col. 1:11, “strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;”

Col. 1:12, “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Col. 1:13, “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Col. 1:9, “we ... do not cease to pray and to intercede on your behalf that

- 1. you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**
- 2.that you may walk worthy of the Lord, ... by being fruitful in every good work and by increasing in the knowledge of God; (1:10)**
- 3. that you are strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; (1:11)**
- 4. that you give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.”**

Col. 1:11, “[that you are] strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;”

δυναμόω *dunamoo*

pres pass participle

“to be strengthened”

δύναμις (*dynamis*), power, might, strength, force, ability, capability, deed of power, resources

κράτος (*kratos*), power, might, rule; In NT, only used of God; thus, God’s omnipotence

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1. Inherit has the core semantic meaning of possession, property, ownership. Biblically speaking, property can be passed on with the death of a person, this is supplied from the context and not part of the semantic value of the term. For example,

Hebrews 11:8, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

Hebrews 1:2, “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”

2. Inheritance is related to rewards for what is earned for service, whereas salvation is a free gift.

Colossians 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

3. Certain categories of people lived in the land but did not own the land: sojourners, strangers, even Levites: Exod. 12:48–49; Num. 18:20, 24

Even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in the land but never owned it.

Heb. 11:3; Gen. 21:33; 35:27

Num. 18:20, “Then the LORD said to Aaron, ‘You shall have no inheritance [נִחְלָה (nāḥal) “inherit, possess”] in their land, nor own any portion among them; I am your portion [חֵלֶק (ḥēleq) share, part, territory] and your inheritance [נַחְלָתָא (naḥălâ) “inheritance, heritage, possession”] among the sons of Israel.’ ”

4. Though not all have an inheritance in the land, all have God as their inheritance and possession.

Psa. 73:26, “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion [חֵלֶק לְךָ] (ḥēleq)] forever.”

Psa. 119:57, “The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Thy words.”

Psa. 142:5, “I cried out to Thee, O LORD; I said, ‘Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’ ”

5. For the church age, Christ is given ownership of all things, and the believer shares in that ownership as a joint heir in Christ only as we mature as believers.

Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

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6. Christ is the heir of all things

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.”

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

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

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

Hebrews 2:10, "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."

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

9. 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.”