

HEIRS OF GOD

Titus 3:4-7 is one Greek sentence. Therefore, it is one continuous thought. It is interesting that in this one Greek sentence God and Jesus Christ are identified as the Savior of mankind

- “But when the kindness of **God our Savior** and His love for mankind appeared.” (3:4)
- “**Whom (Holy Spirit)** He poured out upon us richly through **Jesus Christ our Savior.**” (3:6)

It is also interesting to note that Paul is teaching that all three members of the Godhead are involved in the salvation of mankind (3:4-6).

The Greek grammar used in this one sentence is also interesting. There is a series of four aorist indicatives working with one aorist participle.

- Four aorist indicatives are: *appeared* (epiphaino / a.p.ind); *saved* (sozo / a.a.ind); *done* (poieo / a.a.ind); and *poured out* (ekcheo / a.a.ind).
- One aorist participle is *being justified* (dikaioo / a.p.ptc nplm)

The action of the aorist participle precedes the action of the series of four aorist indicatives. This teaches that God’s purpose in saving mankind is to make him an HEIR in the royal family of God.

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of mankind becoming HEIRS OF GOD.
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1. Paul used the aorist subjunctive to seal the argument that God’s purpose in saving mankind is to make him an HEIR OF GOD (3:7).

“That (hina / divine purpose) being justified by His grace we might be made (ginomai / a.p.subj) heirs (kleronomos / legal heir) according to the hope of eternal life.” (3:7)

We will divide this one Greek sentence into the following four homiletical points on HEIRS OF GOD.

- Savior – God’s kindness and love (3:4)
- Saved – God’s mercy and regeneration and renewing (3:5a)
- Spirit – God poured out through Jesus Christ (3:5b-6)
- Spiritual Heir – God’s justification by grace and hope of eternal life (3:7)

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order that He might redeem those under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth His Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.” (Gal.4: 4-7)

“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.” (Rom.8: 17)

- The unbeliever has no rights to spiritual heirship and inheritance belonging to Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15: 50; Eph.3: 6-8; Titus 3:3-7).

2. Since Jesus Christ is God’s heir and by being in union with Jesus Christ, every church age believer shares in His eternal heirship (Rom.8: 15-17).

“And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.” (Gal.3: 29)

“To be specific, that the Gentiles are *fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise* in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” (Eph.3: 6)

Christian husbands are instructed to grant their wives honor as a fellow heirs of the grace of life. They are told that neglecting this instruction could hinder their prayers – “so that your prayers may not be hindered.” (1 Pet.3: 7)

3. Therefore every church age believer’s heirship is permanent and eternal based on positional truth or positional sanctification (Titus 3:4-7).

“Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?” (James 2:5)

“In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us.” (Heb.6: 17-18)

“*In Him (positional truth)*, 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**, *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.” (Eph.1: 13-14)

4. As fellow heirs with Jesus Christ, every church age believer shares in His eternal inheritance (1 Pet.1: 3-4; 3:9; Heb.9: 15).

“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: 11)

“Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.” (Col.1: 12)

5. Knowledge of bible doctrine orients the spiritual advancing believer to his spiritual heirship and inheritance (Acts 20:32).

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” (Eph.1: 18)

“Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” (Col.3: 24)

“And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)