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# **OUR SPRITUAL INHERITANCE (Part-1)**

In today's lesson text, Paul used the legality of the law to argue against it. He opened with a legal premise in (Gal.3:15) and then argued it out in (Gal.3:16-18).

#### **Legal Premise:**

(Gal.3:15) Once a covenant (diatheke) [legal contract] is **ratified** (**kuroo**/ perf.p.ptc.asf) [legal term to make valid] no one can set it aside, take away, or add to it. It has become legally binding.

## **Legal Arguments:**

- (Gal.3:16) Abrahamic Covenant contained the promise of Christ, the seed.
- (Gal.3:17) <u>Mosaic Law</u> (430 years later) does **not invalidate** (**akuroo**/ p.a.ind 3ps) the Abrahamic Covenant **previously ratified** (**prokuroo**/ perf.p.ptc asf) nor nullify (katargeo/ a.a.infin) the promise).
- (Gal.3:18) <u>Spiritual Inheritance</u> (he kleronomia) goes to the legal heir and joint heirs of the Abrahamic Covenant on the basis of God's grace (charizomai/perf.m.ind.3ps) and promise (epaggelia; (Gal.3:16, 17, 18, 18).

## This lesson will study five aspects of Spiritual Inheritance.

1. Anyone who believes the gospel of Christ becomes heirs of the spiritual inheritance in every biblical dispensation. Luke and Matthew genealogies establishes this truth (Luke 3:23-38; Matt.1:1-17).

This spiritual inheritance is in Jesus Christ.

(Gal.3:29) "And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise."

(Rom.4:13-16) "For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be **heir** of the world was not through the Law, **but through the righteousness of faith**. For <u>if those who are of the Law are **heirs**, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;</u> for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there is also no violation. For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all."

2. The historical death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the legal basis for the spiritual inheritance to the new covenant (New Covenant) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9) "Until the seed comes" (Gal.3:19)

By going to the cross, Jesus Christ became the mediator of the NC (Gal.3:19-20; Heb.8:6-7, 13; 9:15-22).

(1 Tim.2:5-6) "For there is one God, and <u>one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus</u>, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time."

(Eph.1:10-11) "With a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things **in Christ**, things in the heavens and things on the earth. **In Him** 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: 10-14)

3. Under New Covenant, every Church Age Believer (CAB) becomes an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ through adoption at the moment of salvation (Rom.8:17).

New Covenant adoption is <u>one of eight works of the Holy Spirit</u> accomplished at the moment of grace salvation (Rom.8:15-17; Gal.4:4-7).

(Gal.4:5) "So that **He might redeem** those who were under the Law, that **we might receive the adoption** as sons."

(Rom.8:17) "And **if** (**1cc**) children, heirs also, **heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him." (Phil.1:29)

The New Covenant adoption is extended to every CAB equally in Christ (50 Things)

(Eph.3:6) "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." (Gal.3:26-29)

4. As the grantee, the CAB is able to draw immediately from his / her escrow account of the spiritual inheritance. The escrow of this spiritual inheritance is held in trust by God as the grantor.

Paul mentioned this escrow inheritance before King Agrippa.

(Acts 26:18) "To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an **inheritance** among those who have been sanctified **by faith** in Me."

Every CAB has an invisible portfolio of spiritual inheritance reserved in heaven in Jesus Christ

(1 Pet.1:3-4) "To obtain an **inheritance** which is <u>imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away</u>, **reserved** (tereo/ perf.p.ptc) in heaven for you."

There will always be sufficient funds in escrow to do the will Directive Will of God (2 Cor.8:9; 9:7-9).

5. The CAB draws from his escrow inheritance to make spiritual investments in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) compatible with the Plan of God (Matt.6:19-21; Acts 20:32).

The **spiritual formula** for withdrawal investing from the escrow inheritance is **walking in Holy Spirit** + **knowledge of bible doctrine** + **faith cycle** = **escrow investing**.

### **ESCROW INHERITANCE IN HEAVEN**

**Hearing (Rom.10:17)** 

Completing (James 2:22)

Believing (Heb.4:2)

Applying (2 Cor.5:7)

ESCROW INVESTMENTS ON EARTH