

A Glorious Inheritance

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people..."

Ephesians 1:18 NIV

In University I did a research paper on people who suddenly became wealthy. Some recklessly spent the fortune on cruises, gambling at casinos, betting on horse races, and so on. After a couple of years of wild living they were broke and had to go back to work.

Other people had friends and relatives asking for money from the new millionaire so they could buy a bigger house, a new car, and other things that they thought they should be given funds to buy. Families were divided and friendships broken because of someone becoming instantly wealthy. There was little of real enjoyment over the long term by the rich people.

Scripture speaks of God's people having a "glorious inheritance" in the future. Paul tells us that if we only have hope here and now we are miserable. 1 Corinthians 15:19 NIV "If only for this life

we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." Our hope is not centered on the things of this world but the things of the world to come.

We have a great future hope that has many parts to it. We are promised to be delivered from the pain and sorrow of this life. We shall have glorified bodies that work perfectly. All disease and physical limitations will be left behind.

Then we are promised to be like Christ. 1 John 3:2 NIV

"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

In this life believers strive for the perfection that eludes them. Regardless of the fact we fall short of perfection we do as Paul says in Philipians 3: 12-14 NIV

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Why not spend a few moments in prayer today thanking the Lord for the great future He has for you and asking Him for grace to live well today? He waits to hear from you. Come and come now.

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