

You Are Part of His Treasure

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As believers, we are of great value to God and will abide forever, and we should live in light of this truth.

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Description

Theodore Epp emphasizes that believers are not just an inheritance for Christ but are considered His glorious treasure, highlighting the immense value God places on people over the universe itself. He explains that while the cosmos will eventually fade, redeemed humanity will endure forever, showcasing God's grace through us in the ages to come. Epp encourages believers to recognize their worth in God's eyes, which should inspire praise and resilience amidst life's challenges. He reminds us that our struggles are tools used by God to shape us into the likeness of Christ, reinforcing the importance of maintaining faith and hope. Ultimately, we are called to serve the Lord with the assurance of receiving our inheritance from Him.

Transcript

Ephesians 1: 16-18

From Ephesians 1:18 it is apparent that we are more than a mere inheritance of Christ. Paul emphasized the kind of inheritance we are to Christ in the words "riches of the glory of his inheritance." Believers are an inheritance of glorious riches to Christ.

This reveals to us what God considers to be of greatest value in the universe. It is not the planets or stars; it is people. God created the universe by His might and power, but He purchased mankind by His precious blood. This universe will someday pass away, and God will create a new heaven and a new earth. But man, who has been redeemed by Christ, shall abide forever! This reveals how important believers are to God. No wonder God is going to display the exceeding riches of His grace through us in ages to come (2:7). This is why Jesus desires to present the Church "to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (5:27).

When we consider the marvelous truths of what God thinks of us as believers, it causes us to be filled with praise because of our wonderful Saviour. Although there are times when, humanly speaking, there is only despair, we are able to lift our eyes to Christ and know that He is working in us to accomplish that which will bring glory to Him. So it is important that we do not become discouraged with circumstances; these are

the very tools that God uses to make us more like Christ.

"Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:24).

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