

The Inheritance of Suffering
Additional Notes
Romans 8:17

- I. The Lord Jesus Christ is the heir of all things (Heb. 1:2).**
 - A. Christ received what was legally His by His death, burial, and resurrection.**
 - B. Because of His heirship, Christ has the right to rule all things (Heb. 2:6-8).**
 - As son of Adam (heir of the world) – Psa. 8:4-8
 - As son of Abraham (heir of the promised land) – Gen. 22:16-18; Heb. 2:16; Rom. 4:13
 - As son of David (heir of the royal throne) – Matt. 1:1, 16; Lk. 1:30-33
 - As son of God (heir of all things) – Heb. 1:1; Acts 10:36
 - C. Christ's inheritance is the glory of God (Jn. 17:4-5).**

II. The believer in Jesus Christ receives heirship through adoption as sons (Rom. 8:15, 17; Gal. 3:26).

- A. Heirship comes because of the death of another (Rom. 5:18; Tit.3:7).
- B. Heirship comes because of our identification with Christ as Sons.
- C. Heirship is based on grace.

III. Heirship results in participation in Christ's inheritance. The full inheritance is God Himself. Christ's inheritance is the glory of God (Jn. 17:4-5; Eph. 1:11).

- A. Christ is the heir of all things.**
- B. We become fellow-heirs with Christ.**

- Eternal life (Tit. 3:7; Heb. 1:14)
- The kingdom (Matt. 5:3; 25:34; 1 Cor. 6:9; 15:50; Jas. 2:5; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5)
- A blessing (1 Pet. 3:9)
- Grace of life (1 Pet. 3:7)

- Suffering (Rom. 8:17)
 - The world hates Jesus Christ (Jn. 15:18, 19; Acts 9:4, 5).
 - We share in His suffering (not His suffering for sin on the cross) because of sin.
- Incorruption/resurrection body (1 Cor. 15:50)
- The New Jerusalem (Rev. 21)

IV. Heirship is eternally secure (1 Pet. 1:4-5).

V. Heirship comes to us through our election in Christ (Eph. 1:11; Heb. 9:15).

VI. Heirship is guaranteed by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:14).

VII. Heirship can only be understood through spiritual enlightenment (Eph. 1:18).