

Adoption into royalty & inheritance

1. Free gift & work based inheritance

- a. Inheritance in Scripture is something that is not common to every believer, all believers are not equally heirs of God and of Christ. (As we saw in our last study).
Heirship or inheritance of the kingdom of God is not equivalent to getting eternal life and going into heaven.

Inheritance is based on:
behavior
choices
It's based on **works**

Faith alone in Christ alone

b. Justification / salvation is a free gift:

Now the gospel doesn't say that you can have eternal life if you suffer with Jesus. That's not much of a **free gift**. If the gospel is not by works but by grace, then it's a **free gift** and we simply accept the gift. We believe on Jesus. We don't have to do anything. There's no condition.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast

Romans 5:14-18 (NKJV)

- 14 Nevertheless **death** reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
15 But the **free gift** is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many **died**, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.
16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the **free gift** which came from many offenses resulted in justification.
17 For if by the one man's offense **death** reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)
18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the **free gift** came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

However some aspects of our inheritance are true for every believer and a part of salvation

but there are other aspects of our inheritance that are based on choices and on volition and our decision to grow and mature in our Christian life.

7 uses of death in Scripture

There's **physical death**.
there's **spiritual death** which is true of every person who is born, we're born physically alive but spiritually dead.
There is **caral death**.
there is **positional death** when we're identified with the **death**, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
there is **eternal death** [eternal condemnation].
there's **sexual death**. These are some of the different deaths in Scripture.
There is **operational death** for the believer who lives according to the sin nature. He will die; he will not be able to produce what has eternal value.

the reason behind verse 6

2. Death:

a.

True for a **believer** and an **unbeliever**, anyone whose mind is set on the sin nature, whose life is energized by the sin nature, is **Dead** in their sins.

Romans 8:5-8 (NKJV)

To think from the human perspective is equivalent to death.

The result of being spiritually minded

- 6 For to be carnally minded is **death**, but to be spiritually minded is **life and peace**.
7 **Because the carnal mind is enemy against God; for it is not subject to the law of God**, nor indeed can be.

- 8 So then, **those who are in the flesh** cannot please God.

the law of God is the mandates of the New Testament

Paul is talking to the believer, to those who have been justified

Whenever a minister preaches from literal interpretation, he is carnally minded, he is hostile towards God.

So we must understand this distinction between the carnal mind and to be spiritually minded

We should always take great care to obey God's word, God's way

Only a right thing done in the right way is right
a wrong thing done in the right way is wrong
a right thing done in the wrong way is wrong

Colossians 2:13 (NKJV)

- 13 And you, being **dead** in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Romans 8:9-12 (NKJV)

- 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. **Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His**.
10 And if Christ is in you, the body is **dead** because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the **dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the **dead** will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—**not to the flesh**, to live according to the flesh.

to live according to the flesh

Romans 8:13 (NKJV)

- 13 For if you live according to the flesh **you will die**; but if by the Spirit you put to **death** the deeds of the body, you will live.

Not eternal death

So many pastors and their churches are stuck, having been persuaded that all their God talk and Jesus talk, along with their good feelings and emotions; that somehow God is pleased.

That due to their emotional good feelings and their Christian lingo; and then if there church is prospering financially; with all of this they assume that God is somehow pleased and has blessed their church, and they somehow have a bit of a upper hand with our superior knowledge of Scripture.

3. This next passage illustrates what every believer can do. We can do the spiritual equivalent of walking on water, something supernatural, something miraculous in our everyday life when we walk by the Holy Spirit but we have to keep our eyes on the Lord.

We have to keep focused on the Word and we have to understand those dynamics of the spiritual life at having that focused, faith-rest mental attitude. And if we don't have it then we're just going to look at the waves of testing and slip beneath the waters of carnality and that ends up in death,

not eternal condemnation but in a temporal death that is non-productive in the Christian life.

a.

Matthew 14:22-33 (NKJV)

- 22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.
23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.
24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.
25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
29 So He said, "Come." **And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.**
30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshipped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

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