



LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

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Romans 8:17

Read Romans 8:17.

According to this verse, we will share in the glory of Christ later as His "co-heirs" or "joint-heirs."

Q: What do you think this means? To be "co-heirs"?

The term "heirs of God" emphasizes our relationship to God the Father. As His children, we have "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade . . . kept in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4).

The Greek term translated "heirs" in Romans 8:17 refers to "those who receive their allotted possession by right of sonship." In other words, because God has made us His children, we have full rights to receive His inheritance. We are His beneficiaries.

Read Matthew 25:34, Galatians 3:29 and Colossians 1:12 & 3:24 together.

Q: What does Hebrews 1:2 say about Jesus' inheritance?

Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, is the natural "heir" of the Father. Christ's inheritance is the whole universe, all that is in existence.

Therefore, being a co-heir with Christ means that we, as God's adopted children, will share in the inheritance of Jesus. What belongs to Jesus will also belong to us! We are as welcome in God's family as Jesus is; we are "accepted in the Beloved" (Ephesians 1:6). All that belongs to Jesus Christ will belong to us, the co-heirs, as well.

Q: What promise is found in Galatians 4:7?

Think of all that means. Everything that God owns belongs to us as well because we belong to Him. Our eternal inheritance as co-heirs with Christ is the result of the amazing grace of God.

Remember the story of orphan Annie? Read Ephesians 2:13 and see how it compares.