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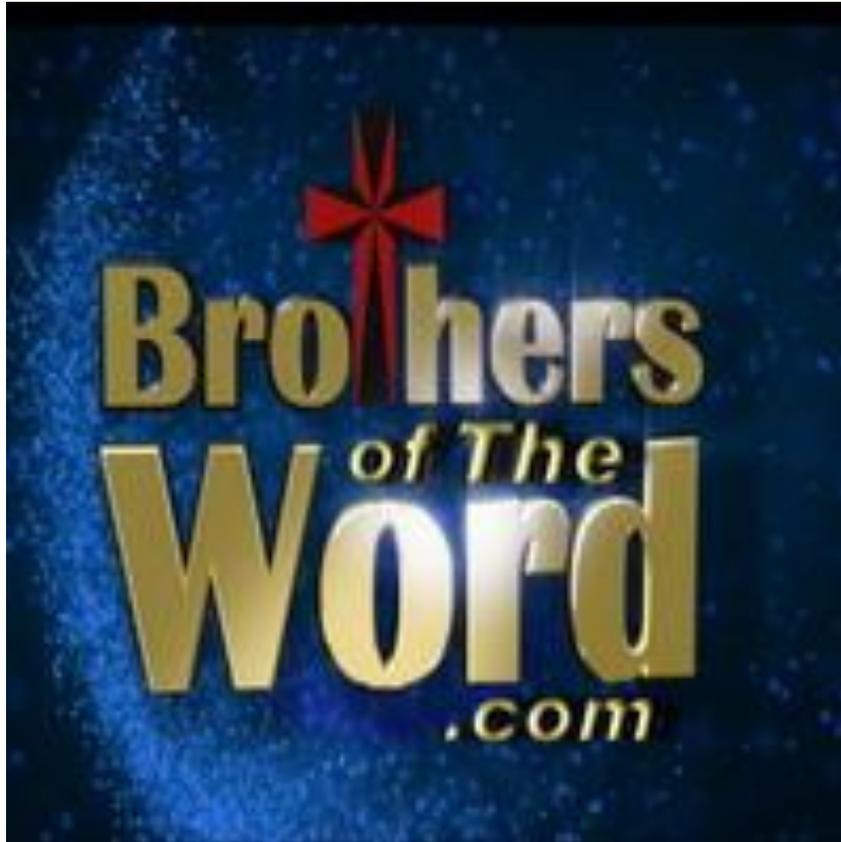
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Female: And now for 7626, "Our Inheritance in Christ, part 3."

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online in brothersoftheword.com. Stay tuned to today's message, delighted to have you tune in and join us on today.

Well, just a little humor I'd like to read. Mr. Clark -- the divorce court judge said, "Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully and have decided to give your wife \$775.00 a week. "That's very generous your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

Well, we've been teaching on a particular series entitled "Our Inheritance in Christ." Our inheritance in Christ and we've been looking at a few texts, Acts 20:32. You don't have to turn there because I'm going to quote it to you which simply says, we commend you to God and to the Word of his grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them which is sanctified. And also, Ephesians 1:11 and verse 18. You don't have to turn there either. I'm going to quote those as well. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 11 and verse 18. In verse 11, it simply says that in Christ, we have obtained an inheritance. We have obtained an inheritance in Christ. Verse 18, the Apostle Paul prays a prayer that we might know the riches of the glory of this inheritance that is in the saints in light.

And so, we are talking about our inheritance in Christ. Our inheritance in Christ. This is part three., part three, part three. We left out by saying that everything that God has is ours. Everything that God has given, Christ, He has given to us. And so, we have a wonderful, a rich, a delightful, a beautiful

inheritance in Christ Jesus. Christ is so full and this is the mystery of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul, he talked about I preached the unsearchable riches of Christ among the gentiles. And that's because Christ is so full and then we find out that we are in Christ. We are in Christ and we now partake of that fulness. The Bible says in the Gospel of John, "Of his fulness, we have received." Of his fulness, we have received.

And so, we're so excited. We are so excited. There's a little passage over in Ephesians chapter 2 and also in chapter 3 that talks about the fact that we were once, when we were merely gentiles, when we were without Christ, that we had no hope, we had no part of God's Kingdom, we had no covenants, we had no promise, we had nothing. We were in bad shape. We were in bad shape. Well, because God's promise, God's covenant, his inheritance was only to Israel. It was only to the Jews. And every one else was considered a gentile. So, at one time, we were simply gentiles, so we had no part of that inheritance. We had no part of that covenant. We had no part of those promises but Ephesians chapter 2 and also in chapter 3 says, "But when Christ came." Oh, man he changed everything. He changed everything and now it says, we being gentiles are now fellow heirs, we are fellow heirs with the household of God. We're in the family now because of what Christ Jesus has done.

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So, it's a pretty serious inheritance that we have in Christ Jesus. We now have a covenant with God. We now have the promises of God. We now are part of the citizenship into the Kingdom of God. And we've been fully, fully, fully, filled, fully filled. Brother Glen just walked in, so I'm going to just share this little nugget. Every time he walks in, I always share the nugget that he gives -- he gave me this nugget last week. And I say, "Glen, you keep giving me these nuggets, I'm going to preach all of these nuggets you give me." But he always gives me some very good nuggets. But he said, I got to one scripture last week and we were talking about all of our little in Him scriptures because we were trailing -- we're trailing through the Bible every scripture that tells us who we are in Christ because we're trying to track our inheritance.

And so, I shared one scripture, Galatians 2:9 and 10 and this particular scripture says that we were complete in Him. We are

complete in Him that in Christ is a fulness of the godhead bodily. In Christ is a fulness of the godhead bodily. And then it goes on to say, "and we are complete in Him." And so, Brother Glen pulled me to the side. He said, "Man," he said, "When you got to that verse," he said, "you don't even know what you are sharing." He said, "I sat back there and tears begin to just stream down my face because he said, that word complete means fully filled. Fully filled with everything that God has, He has filled us with. Everything that God is, He has filled us. We've been fully, fully filled and we are complete in Him. Turn to your neighbor and say, "I am complete in Him." I am complete in Him.

I want to read that in the Amplified Bible, Galatians 2:9. I want you to hear them in the Amplified Bible. This is pretty powerful. It says, "For in Him, the whole fulness of deity -- the godhead continues to dwell in bodily form giving complete expression of the divine nature." In other words, God Himself is in Christ. Everything that God is, is in Christ Jesus. In Him is the fulness of the godhead. God's there in Christ. And notice verse 10, "and you are in Him." And you are in Him made full, made full and having come to fulness of life in Christ, you too are filled with the godhead." Not only is the godhead filling Christ, but because you're in Christ, you too are filled with the godhead. The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit and reach spiritual full, spiritual stature and He is the head of all rule and authority and of every angelic principality and power.

Folks, you are complete in Him. You are complete in Him. The fullness of the godhead is in Christ. You're in Christ so that means the fullness of the godhead is in you. God has moved in on the inside of you. Jesus has moved in on the inside of you. The Holy Spirit has moved in on the inside of you. You are complete in Him. You are complete in Him. So, God has given us everything that He was. He's given us everything that He's given to Christ. Second Peter chapter 1:3 and 4 tells us that God has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness. God has given to us everything that pertains to life and godliness. God has given us everything that pertains to His life. He's given us everything that pertains to godliness. God has equipped us with everything that pertains to Him so that you can live godly, so that you can live victoriously and you can live a successful Christian life. You can live out His Will and purpose, you can live out His character because God has given

unto all of us everything pertaining to His life and godliness. Notice I said, everything pertaining to life and godliness, everything. He didn't leave anything out. He gave everything.

So, that's why I know and I keep saying as a premise, God has given us everything that He has. Everything He's given Christ; He has given to us and that's part of our rich inheritance in Christ Jesus. Flip over to Ephesians chapter 1, Ephesians chapter 1 and we have to hurry because I'm running out of time and I haven't even gotten started. Ephesians chapter 1, Ephesians 1:3. You're going to see this again. Ephesians 1:3. Notice what it says. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath," everybody says "hath" that's past tense.

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This is not something He's going to do.

This is something He's already done. "Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings." Notice He said, "all" it didn't say some, it didn't say most, it didn't say many of. He's blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Now, where are we? We are in Christ. We are in Christ. So, we've been blessed with all spiritual blessing. Everything that God is, everything He has, God has given to us. Everything He's given to Christ; He has given to us. So, this is just further proof that everything He has, He has given to us. He has already made a provision for us. Everything we need, God has already made a provision for us. He's already given it us. He has already blessed us with it. It is ours. It is ours. In God's mind, it is ours. In God's mind, it's ours. He's already given it to us. It's already our inheritance. Now, let's walk in line of our inheritance. Let's walk in line of our divine privileges and our divine resources that are available to us right now.

Now, I want to show seven quick things in Ephesians 1. These are seven quick little points. These are seven things that are part of your inheritance that we find here in Ephesians 1 and I'm going to just go through them quickly because we're running out of time and I have a lot to cover. But Ephesians 1:4, underline the word chosen. That's the part of your inheritance. You've been chosen, chosen, chosen. Chosen means picked out. You've been picked out to be a recipient of God's favor. You've

been chosen. You've been picked out to be a recipient of God's favor. That's a part of your inheritance. You've been chosen. Say, "I've been chosen." You've been picked out. You've been picked out. You've been picked out. It would be like if I stood up here and I just wave my finger and then I stuck it on somebody and say, "You come here. I want to give you a thousand dollars." Well that's -- you've been picked out. No, stay seated. I'm just joking.

And so, that's what God has literally done. We've been chosen. Point to yourself, "God has picked me up." He's picked me out to be a recipient of his favor. You're chosen. That's part of your inheritance. You're chosen, also in the same verse. What verse? Verse 4. He has presented us holy, blameless and unreprouvable in his sight. That's a part of your inheritance. He didn't say, He's going to do it. He's already done that. Not in this particular scripture but there's another scripture and I believe it's in Galatians that shows you Christ has already presented us to the Father as holy, blameless and unreprouvable. That's part of your inheritance. Turn to your neighbor and say, "I'm holy." I'm holy. As far as the Father is concerned, I am holy. I am holy. Now, you're going to start seeing yourself in Christ. Because this would change your behavior. This would change the way you act once you find out who you are. I am holy. I am holy. I am blameless and I'm unreprouvable in God's sight because God sees me in Christ.

Christ is Holy. Christ is blameless. Christ is unreprouvable. God sees me in Christ. That's a part of our inheritance. Here's another and that two I gave you. Here's a third one, verse 5. We are adopted. We are adopted. We are adopted into the family. Adopted means you receive full rights and privileges as sons and daughters of God. Full rights and privileges as sons and daughter. So, say, I am adopted. I am adopted. I am adopted. You've received full rights and privileges as sons and daughters of God. That's a part of your inheritance. You're adopted. Verse 6 is the fourth part of our inheritance. We are accepted, accepted. We're accepted in the beloved. That means God is no longer angry at you. You've been made accepted in the beloved.

Now, this term actually comes out of the old days of the king in his court and you will find this particularly in the Old Testament. You will find it in the story of Queen Esther. You'll

find it in the story of Queen Esther. She wanted to go into the king to petition him on behalf of her people to save her people alive but she was afraid to go in because if you walked in before the king and you were not accepted, you were put to death. You just didn't go marching into the king's court and say, what's up king. No, you don't do that. No, that would be the death of you. You had to be accepted. The king had to extend his scepter towards you and when the king would extend his scepter, that means you have been accepted and you can now freely approach the king. Folks, you've been made accepted. Oh, man. You've been made accepted in the beloved. God has extended his scepter and now we can come freely, we can come boldly to the throne of grace to find help to obtain grace in time of need.

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You've been made accepted. He's no longer angry at you. You've been made accepted in the beloved. That's a part of your inheritance. That word accepted also means you've been graced with grace. You have been graced with grace. That's a part of your inheritance in Christ. I've been graced with grace. Now, once again, I'm probably a week and half ahead of myself. Not a full of two weeks but a week and a half. Grace is such a big part of our inheritance. Oh, my goodness. When I start looking at grace and said the grace is so much and it's so heavy and it's so immeasurable. He didn't just put a drop of grace on you. He submersed you in it. He has doused you in it. When you study it, it's an overflowing abundant. It's like an ocean of God's grace that swallowed you alive. That's the grace that He has given us. You've been graced with grace.

Now, in Romans 5:17, it talks a little bit about it and it says something concerning our inheritance and it says, if by one man speaking of Adam, first Adam. "If by one man, Adam, death reigned by one man, because Adam sinned and he brought death on mankind, that death reigned over all mankind until the second Adam came" which is Christ. And so, the Bible says there in Romans 5:17 that if death reigned by one, how much more those who have received the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness should reign in life by one Christ Jesus. Oh, really God? Hallelujah, hallelujah. One translation says, we reigned as kings in life by Christ Jesus. Now, king -- a king rules over his domain. When he gives a word, his word goes and God has given us that type of authority.

Now, I want you to see the reason we enjoyed the benefits of this inheritance so much is because we are sharers together with Christ. We share in everything that He has. Everything that He is. We're dead together with Him, buried together with Him. We were crucified with Him, made alive with Him, raised up together with Him, seated with Him in heavenly places. Now, that place of being seated with Him in heavenly places, that's a place of honor. That's a place of authority. You reign now. You reign in life by one Christ Jesus. You reign as a king in life. Oh, man. This is your place, folks. I'm showing you who you are in Christ. This is who you are in Christ Jesus. This is the way God sees you in Christ. This is who you are in Christ Jesus. This is who you are in Christ. Now, I had no intensions of getting all over into that. I just couldn't help it. Oh, man. I saw it and I had to go with it. I saw it and I had to go with it. That wasn't in my notes for tonight but I couldn't hold it. I'm trying to just show you, you know, these seven things in Ephesians as a part of your inheritance.

Let's move to the next one, verse 7, redeem. We've been redeemed and I'm going to come back to that one. Redemption is a part of your inheritance in Christ and also in verse 7, we receive forgiveness. We have received forgiveness. That's a part of your inheritance in Christ. Verse 13, we've been sealed with the Holy Spirit. That's a part of your inheritance in Christ. Now, back to number 5, redemption. We've received redemption in Christ. Redemption, it refers to a release secured by payment of a ransom. So, it's something that had to be paid. It's like we were prisoners and something had to be paid for us to be released. Well, that payment was the blood of Jesus. So, that was the payment that was made and we've been redeemed, we've been freed, we've been release from sin. We've been released from sin. The authority of sin, the dominion of sin, we've been released from that. We've been release from the penalty of sin. The penalty, the destructive effect of sin. We've been released from that. You've also been released from the authority of the devil. You've also been released from the authority of the devil and I thought I was going to get there today but I'm not. You got to wait another week. Oh, my goodness. I can't wait to crush his head. I feel like I have a metal pipe in my hand. I can't wait. I mean, I can't wait to crush his head. Man, I'm going to show you what Christ Jesus

had done to the devil and that victory is ours. Now, let me finish telling you about this redemption. I can at least do that.

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And I'll show you our victory over the devil next time, but this word redemption here has to do with setting free and it describes a conqueror that is releasing the prisoners. So, we were bound by sin and the devil and the kingdom of darkness and all that and Jesus came in as a conqueror and set us free. And that price that was paid was His blood. Now Galatians 3:13 also says that, "Christ has redeemed us." Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Christ hath redeemed us. Galatians 3:13 from the curse of the law. Now, you can go back in the Deuteronomy chapter 28 in the law which is under the old covenant. You could find out what all the curses were under law. All the curses, all the family curses, all of the spiritual death, sin, all of the poverty, sickness, disease, everything that's a part of the curse that was in the Deuteronomy 28 under the law.

Galatians 3:13 since Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law. Now, if you've properly known that's your inheritance, then you won't put up with poverty, you won't put up with sickness, you won't put up with disease, you won't put up with family curse because you understand that's a curse of the law and according to Galatians 3:13, you've been redeemed from that. Oh, man. I'm doing my best to preach without jumping and running because this skipping and jumping with (00:21:25) right here. I'm trying to be as calm as I can to preach this because I just don't feel like running and jumping and skipping tonight. So, I'm trying to be as cool and calm, but man, I'm about to lose it. I'm about to lose it. I'm about to lose it.

Because you've been redeemed. You've been redeemed from sickness, you been redeemed from poverty, you've been redeemed from spiritual death, you've been redeemed from curses as part of your inheritance. Christ had redeemed us. Oh, my goodness. Man, it's an exciting inherit. It's an exciting inheritance. It really is. It's an exciting inheritance. It's an exciting inheritance. It's an exciting inheritance. Now, since we're talking about redemption that this is a freeing that we're freed from the curse of the law; now, over it in Romans 8:1 and 2 it says, that Christ the Law of the spirit of Christ, the Law of

the spirit of Christ has made me free. That's that we're free again. Remember what we said, redemption is a setting free. It's a setting free. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, the Law of the Spirit of Life -- remember we already covered the godhead is in there. Everything God is, everything God is, the godhead is in us, Christ is in us, we're in Him, that is the spirit of life. Jesus said, "I am the life, the Holy Spirit that is the spirit of life. The Law of the Spirit of Life has made you free from the law of sin and death. Because Christ and God, and the Holy Spirit now abides on the inside of you and you on the inside of Him.

You no longer live under the laws of sin and death. You now operate under the laws of life. You operate under the law of life. This law of life begins to govern your whole life, it governs how you talk, it governs how you act. Everything because I operate now under the law of spirit of life in Christ Jesus and that law has made me free from sin and death. There's no incumbrance, there is no addiction that can hold you because the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made you free from the law of sin and death. John G. Lake, a great man of God, he was in Africa and while he was in Africa, this was back around 1905-1908 but the Bubonic plague had broken out, hundreds of people were dying and he was there working with people, helping to bury the dead and helping the sick and the British sent a ship in to help out with medical supplies and doctors and so forth.

So, when they got there, they called Dr. John Lake, the great man of God. They called him aboard the ship and they said, what are you taking as a preventative? What are you taking to prevent yourself from catching this Bubonic plague because you are here working in the middle of death? You know what he said? He said, I'm taking the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Because that has made me free from the law of sin and death. And the doctors said, well, we don't really advise that. You better take something. You better cover yourself and take some prevention. He said, I'll tell you doctors what? You all do this. I want you all to do and experiment on me.

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He said, now when these people have die, when they are close to death, when they die, take some of the froth from their lungs

that deathly plague that's in their lungs, take some of it and he said, put it on my hand and put it under the microscope and you will see that when those death germs hit my skin, they will die instantly. And the doctors did it, they put the stuff on his hand, put it under the microscope, sure enough those germs died instantly when they touched his hand. He said, that's the law of life, that's the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus and it has made me free from the law of sin and death. Here's a man that understood the law of the spirit of life. He understood that's a law of God, that's a law of Christ, that's a law of the Holy Ghost. When all of that is operating in you, the law of sin and death cannot attach itself to you.

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