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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 at brothersoftheword.com, Facebook live. Thank you for streaming us and tuning in to be with us on today.

I would like to share just a little humor. A husband and wife were celebrating their 60th birthdays together. And all of a sudden, an angel appeared and said that God was going to grant each of them one special request. The wife said, "My request is that we would be able to travel all over the world." Poof! When the smoke clear, she was sitting there with tickets in her hand. The husband hung his hand, he said, "My request was that I would be married to a woman 30 years younger than me." Poof! When the smoke cleared, he was 90 years old.

We are sharing Part Three of something we started a couple of weeks ago. I'm going to try to conclude today, but this is Part Three. I've been teaching out of the Book of Colossians and we entitled this "Meeting Christ in Colossians" Part Three. And if you have your bibles, go ahead and open up to the Book of Colossians. Colossians has only four chapters, it's right behind Philippians there in the New Testament. Colossians, we will read a few verses. Colossians Chapter 1, Verses 12 through 14. Colossians Chapter I, Verses 12 through 14. When you get there, say "Amen."

Colossians Chapter I, let's read Verse 12 through 14 and it reads "Giving thanks unto to the father which have made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light who have delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear son in whom we have redemption

through His blood even the forgiveness of sins”. So, we’re talking about Meeting Christ in Colossians Part three. Christ is the major theme. He is the central focus of the Book of Colossians. He is a pre-eminent one in all of creation. He is a pre-eminent one in redemption. He is a pre-eminent one in the church. He is a pre-eminent in our lives.

And so here in Verse 12, giving thanks unto father which have made us meet, everybody say “meet”, he has made us meet to be part takers of the inheritance of the Saints in light. The word “meet” it means qualified, it means he has qualified us or he has enabled us. He’s qualified us or enabled us to share in to partake of the inheritance of the Saints in light. So, he has qualified us. He has made us able, enabled us to share in the wonderful inheritance that we have as Saints and we had no part or access to this inheritance until Christ came and did what he did for us.

Recently, I went to an event and this event was open to the public. And so, there was a lot of public activities, there was a ceremony and program and so forth for the general republic. And then after the ceremony was over, there was a tour of the facilities and the general republic was invited on the tour. And then after that, there was private reception. Now, the general republic was not invited to the private reception because that’s where the food was.

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So, the food was back in the private reception and you could smell it. You can hear the dishes, and I was like, “Man, I would love to get back there.” But I wasn’t invited to the private reception. I had no invitation, no reservation. I had no rights or privileges to get back to the private reception. So, I wasn’t qualified. I wasn’t qualified to go back there and partake of the private reception. I wasn’t on the guest list. I wasn’t on any kind of list. I had no ticket and so I wasn’t qualified. But boy, did I want to get back there.

Well, about this time as I’m standing around trying to be a little nosy wondering what they’re eating back there, what they’re serving back in this private reception, about this time, the daughter of the host, the gentleman who is hosting the event, his daughter saw me, she knew me, she actually attends our church sometimes. And she grabbed me by the hand and she said, “I’m

taking you to the private reception.” I said, “Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory!”

And we walk right up to the door. They had a guard on the door and the guard was like, “Excuse me?” In fact, the guard didn’t even know the daughter. So, the guard wouldn’t even let the daughter in and she said, “Excuse me, but I’m the daughter of such and such.” He said, “Oh.” And she went right on in. And so, the guard stopped me, and daughter reached back and grabbed my arm and say, “He’s with me.” And I smiled at the guard as I walked on in.

Well folks, when I got back in the private room, therefore, the private reception, I had a wonderful time. There’s a huge, huge buffet, all type of on entrees and desserts and salads. And so, everything was very -- so I just had a wonderful time just enjoyed myself. But I thought about it, I said, “I wasn’t qualified to be here.” But I said that it was of daughter of the host who got me in, gave me entrance who qualified me.

And folks that’s what Jesus has done for us! We had no part, we had no right, we had no qualification at all to be a partaker of this inheritance, but Jesus, the son of the host said that they’re with me, they’re with me, they’re in me, they’re by me. And we’ve gained entrance and access into this great inheritance at which we enjoy today.

He has qualified us. He has enabled us to participate to share in. The wonderful inheritance of the saints in light, praise God, Jesus qualified us. Jesus qualified us! He qualified us. Praise God, he qualified us. It kind of reminds me of my favorite chef when he was brought to the king’s table, he was unqualified but he was brought in because of his father, because of a covenant that qualified him to sit there and that’s what Jesus has done for us, Jesus qualified us.

And so God, prepared this wonderful inheritance. God has always prepared inheritance for his people. God has always wanted his people to have something nice. He’s always wanted his people to have something nice. If you don’t believe me, just look at the earth. My wife, she called me upstairs last night. She said, “I want you to see something.” She said, “You probably didn’t know this.” I said, “What do you mean I didn’t know that?”

I know everything.” She said, “This is something you probably didn’t know.”

I said, “We will find out. Go ahead and show it to me.” So, she was watching something on television and there was a program about the year 1968 that in 1968 a lot of pivotal things happened in this country. That’s the year that a king was assassinated and President Kennedy was assassinated. And so it was just a lot of term war, the Vietnam War was going on. So, there was a lot of things going on, it was a very pivotal year, hard year on America. But the year ended on a huge highlight and that was man landed on the moon.

Man went to the moon in 1960. And by the way, I was born in 1968. So, that was another monumental. That was another monumental event that happened in 1968. But the year ended with man landing on the moon. So, I was watching this program and they actually showed the footage of the space shuttle as it had approached the orbit right around the moon, right there.

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And the shuttle as it was in space, as it was hovering right over the moon, the astronaut saw the earth and the earth was coming up on the side of the moon. And they saw it and it was so glorious. And they said, “Oh my God, look how beautiful and wondrous the earth is! It was so beautiful.” And so, what I’m saying that God is always prepared something good for his people, God loves his children but they have marveled over how beautiful the earth was and as they radio to NASA and NASA informed them, they said, “We’re going to put you live on televisions so that everyone can see it.”

And when they put the astronauts on television to describe what they saw, this is what they said, I didn’t know this, this is what my wife wanted me to hear, the astronauts opened up by reading Genesis 1. Genesis 1 went, they said “In the beginning God created heaven and earth, and the earth was void without form and darkness was upon the face of the deepness. The spirit of God hovered over the water.”

They read this on National Television because they will sing the glory of the earth and they will sing the wonders and the beauty and the majesty. The bible says that the heavens declare his

glory! So, it was no accident that the astronauts felt the presence of God and the glory of God, simply by being in space seeing the celestial beings of heaven and earth. So, God is always prepared, he has always prepared a wonderful things for his people.

And so, the children of Israel, God's chosen people, he prepared the promise land for them. He prepared Cayman's land that was their inheritance. That was their inheritance. And so, now we, as believers God has prepared an inheritance for us. The children of Israel had the promise land, but God has even prepared a greater inheritance for us. Number one, we have heaven, heaven is our inheritance, heaven is our inheritance just like Cayman was inheritance for the Saints of all.

Heaven is our inheritance, heaven is our inheritance. Eternal life is our inheritance. And we're going to look at something. I want to show you some of the things that's part of our inheritance. Flip over to Psalms Chapter 16. You're going to see that God is our inheritance. God is our inheritance. God, himself is our inheritance. Psalms Chapter 16, Verse five and six. Notice what it says, "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup. Thou maintain this my lot. The lines are falling unto me in pleasant places. "Yey, I have a goodly heritage of or inheritance."

Now, the Psalm is here, he's actually thinking about the land, the promise land each of the tribes of the children of Israel, they receive land. And so, the land was divided among the tribes of Israel. And so, the Psalm he was thinking about his land, the lines were drawn for, that was his inheritance. But he thought about it and he said, "You know what God, the land is great." But he said, "I rather have you, you're my inheritance. I thank you for the inheritance of the land is beautiful, but Lord even more especial than the land is you Lord, you're my inheritance. You are my inheritance! You are my portion. The lines have been drawn beautifully for me and I've to take you as my inheritance." And so God is our inheritance. Turn your name and say "God is our inheritance."

Flip over to Romans, Chapter 8. I'll show you our second inheritance. I'll show you this part of our inheritance. "Son ship is our inheritance". Now, if you're a female, I guess you could say daughter ship, I don't know. But for the man, son ship is our inheritance. Look at Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 16 through 17 for he have not received the spirit of bondage again the fear, but ye

have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry Abba Father. The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. And if children then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him that we may also be glorified together.

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So, notice that part of our inheritance is we're able to cry Abba father. Everybody says, "Abba father."

So, sonship is our inheritance. Abba actually means in Aramaic, it actually means "father" that's what it means. And so, the literal translation, most people say daddy God. We're able to cry daddy God. But the literal translation is father, father or dear father. It's a tender heart of God. We can say, dear father, father, father, Abba father, daddy God. However you want to put it, but that's what it means, it's a tenderheartedness of God, father, father. You can cry Abba father. Father, father, daddy God, dear father, to have that right, to have him as our father, that's our inheritance. So, sonship is our inheritance.

And then number three the word, God's word is our inheritance. Flip over to Psalms 119 and verse 111. I want you to see this, the word is our inheritance. Psalms 119, 111 it says "Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage or inheritance forever." So, notice the psalm has said, "God, I'm taking your word as my inheritance for they are the rejoicing of my heart". So, the psalmist figured out that he could take God's word as his inheritance. He took God's words, so God's word is our inheritance. In Acts Chapter 20, Verse 32 you don't have to turn there, but it says "And now brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified." So, God's word gives us an inheritance. So, that's part of our inheritance. So, God is our inheritance, sonship is our inheritance, God's word is our inheritance.

Praise God. Now, I'm going to read this -- you don't have to turn it, but I'm going to read something out of Ephesians, Chapter 2 that tells along these lines. Ephesians Chapter 2, I'm going to read verse 12 and 13 and also verse 18 and 19. And I pray that you're writing this down so you can go home and study it in, in your own time with study but. Ephesians Chapter 2, 12 and 13, then 18 and 19 it says, "That at that time, ye were without Christ

being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenant of promise having no hope and without God in the world.” And that’s the way we were, we were aliens from the covenants of promise, we were strangers from the things of God, we had no part of God’s covenant, we had no part of God’s promises, we had no part of anything that was of God’s. We had no part, we had no right to it.

But then in verse 13 it says, “But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off or may not by the blood of Christ.” Praise God. Verse 18, “For through him, we both have access by one spirit unto the Father.” Verse 19 now, “Therefore, ye are no more strangers and farness, but fellow citizens with the saints and the household of God.” Isn’t that good news? Praise God, praise God. So, notice what he said now at one time, we were without Christ, we were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, we were strangers from the covenants of promise, we had no hope and we were without God in this world. But because of Christ Jesus we can now say this, repeat after me, “I am in Christ. God is my father. God’s promises belong to me. And I have great hope in this world.” Praise God! Give the Lord some praise right now. Praise God. Well, that’s part of our inheritance. That’s our inheritance.

We are so delighted, so happy to have a part of this inheritance. He has qualified us to be able to share in this wonderful inheritance that we have what we can call him father.

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Anything you can find in God’s word were any promise made up belongs to you now. All the promises of God are yes and amen, in Christ Jesus. You find that is yours, so we have his word as an inheritance, God is our inheritance, son ship is our inheritance. And I’m going to cover something in the book of Colossians where we’re studying chapter I verse 13 that says that, who has delivered us from the power of darkness and he has translated us into the kingdom of his dear son.

So, when he delivered us from the power of darkness, that was delivering us from Satan. We’re no longer under Satan’s authority, no longer under the authority of sin or sickness or the curse or death. We’re no longer under the authority of darkness. He has moved us into the kingdom of his dear son. At one time,

we were under Satan's authority. One time, we were in darkness. We were under the power of darkness, but praise God, God has now moved us into the kingdom of his dear son and Jesus is lord of this kingdom. Jesus is the lord of this kingdom and their prevailing law of this kingdom is love. The prevailing law is love.

And so, we are in this new kingdom, this is Romans chapter 8 says, at this way that the law of the spirit of life and Christ is Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and deaths. So, his delivered us and now, we have authority over all the power of the enemy. Praise God, praise God and I'm trying to wrap up here in the book of Colossians, there are some practical advice we gain in Colossians that I gleaned. It talks about putting off the old man, the old man is characterized by sin being dominated by the flesh and walking out of love, not walking in love, but walking out of love.

And so, a person who is dominated by envy and jealous and all of these things, that's the old man. Someone who is dominated by the flesh or dominated by sin, someone who has no power over their speech. They just talk, you know, they say anything and spewing out vow things or the things that are unbelief for. Critical or judgmental, just spewing out type of ungodly things. That's the old man. Those are the characteristics of the old man. So, Colossians admonishes us he says, put off the old man. Put off the old man. That old man operates under the kingdom of darkness, you're no longer in that kingdom.

And so, you've been move into the kingdom of God's dear son, and so now, put on the new man. Put on the new man. Now, the new man is characterized by righteousness, love, humility, kindness, patience, forgiveness, peace. Colossians says, "let peace rule in your heart". Let peace rule in your relationships. Peace is a prevailing force of all of your relationships. Peace, peace, let peace rule in your relationships and also let peace rule in your heart. Peace is the (00:23:24) of your heart. Settling all questions that arise with finality, peace.

If you don't have peace about something that means you need to hold up. Peace is the umpire of heart. That's God signaling system on the inside of you. Peace is the umpire. And so, seek peace in your relationships, that's some characteristic of the new man in this new kingdom that we're in. Gratitude, Colossians talks about gratitude quite a bit. Gratitude makes us more

pleasant, just makes us happier more enjoyable to be around. And then finally, talks about letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Dwell means keeper of the house. Let the word of Christ be the keeper of the house. Let the word be in-charge. Let the word always be ready and at hand. Let it have his influence on your life is in charge.

When it is in you richly, now its influence comes on your life. Because anytime you're considering something the word, if it is in you richly, the word adjudge it. The word of direction, the word that guide you, the word that speak to you, the word will talk to everything now will bounce off of the word, if you let it dwell in you richly. So, he says let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. And then man, thought I was finished I had so much more. Colossians is just packed, it's talk full of practical instruction. I'm going to give you this and I'm done. I promise. But he give us some practical instruction he says, love at home, love home. He gives the instruction to love at home.

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And so, he talks about how spouses should treat one another, how parents should treat the children. How children should treat their parents and so forth. But he is saying express love at home. Let love be poured out at home. Let love be poured out at home. He also talks about doing your very best at work. Having a consistent prayer life, becoming a person of prayer. Then, he talks about seasoning your speech with grace, always sees in your speech with grace. Praise God. I'm going to stop right there, but those are pretty much the summation of the book Colossian. Did anybody enjoy Colossians here? The book of Colossian. Put on the new man. We're on a new kingdom. We are in the new kingdom.

And so, this new kingdom is ruled by God's spirit, it's ruled by his word, it's ruled by love and we operate in this new king. We've been move into the kingdom of his (00:26:05). Stand to your feet. Repeat after me, "I am redeemed and forgiven and made alive with him, I'm a new man". I have put all sin and I have put on Christ. Praise God. Praise God. Give the Lord a hand. Save this final line with "I am presented, holy, unblamable, and unprovable in his sight". That's what Jesus has done for us.

We are presented holy, unblamable, and unrepvable in his sight. Let's pray.

Father we just love you so much. Thank you lord for this wonderful inheritance that we have because of Christ Jesus that you have qualified us, enabled to participate in this share in it and we are so grateful lord, we are so thankful. We thank you for your spirit. We thank you for your love and your joy and your peace that rules us in this kingdom. We thank you that the word of Christ dwells in us richly Lord. We thank you that Christ is the hope of glory and we thank you for allowing us to meet Christ in the book of Colossians. And father, may these words govern in our lives, in our thoughts, in our spirits lord. (00:27:30) to be grateful and joyful and peaceful in all circumstances because Christ is in us and he is the hope of glory in Jesus name we pray. Let every heart say, amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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