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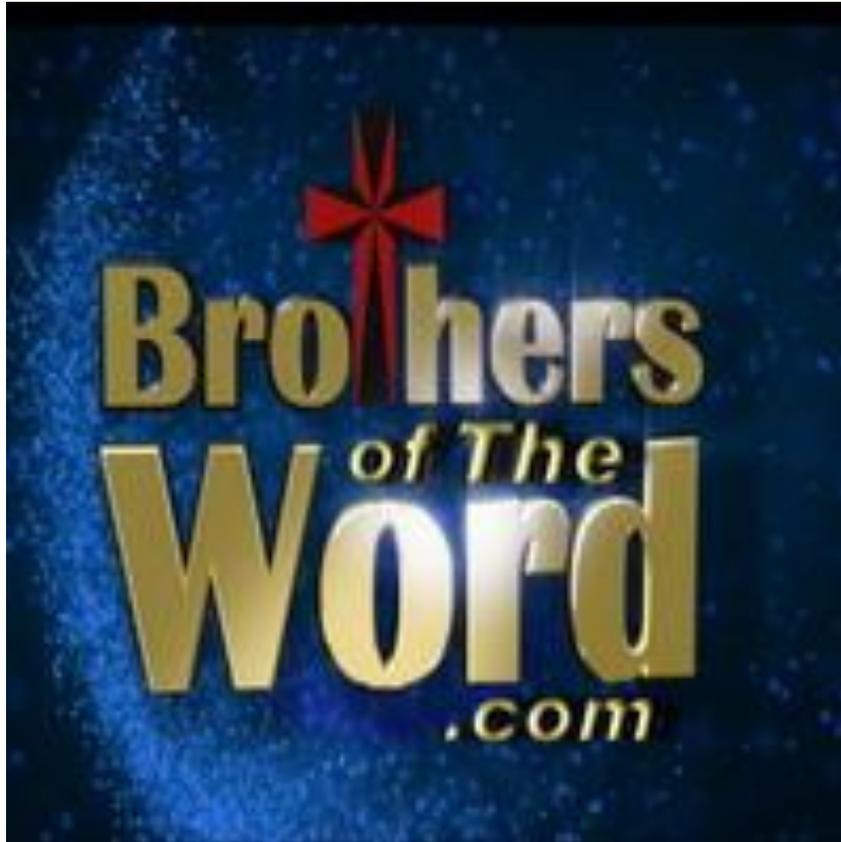
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Female: And now for 7624 "Our Inheritance in Christ, Part 1."

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 in brothersoftheword.com, stay tune to today's message. Always delighted to have you tune in and join us.

I would like to read just a little humor. I think Ms. Susan sent me this one last week and I enjoyed it. But it says, while on a road trip. An elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. And after finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about 40 minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find the place to turn around in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly. During the entire drive. The more he'd shout at her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, her old husband yelled out the window to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

Well, open your Bibles if you will to the Book of Acts, the Book of Acts. We're going to actually look at quite a few scriptures. Hopefully, I can catch you up on your Bible reading if you have been slacking this week. So, hopefully, I can bring you up to date. Acts chapter 20, Acts 20:32, Acts 20:32. When you get there say, "Amen." Let's read verse 32 together in unison. "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 all them which are sanctified.” Underline the word inheritance in there. I commend you to the word of his grace which is able to build you up. How many of you know God’s word will build you up? And it will also give you an inheritance? It also gives you an inheritance. Also, flip over to the Book of Ephesians. The Book of Ephesians, The Book of Ephesians there in the New Testament right behind the Book of Galatians, Second Corinthians, Galatians, then you run into the Book of Ephesians, chapter 1 and just read a couple of verses there for now.

We’ll read verse 11 and verse 18. Let’s read verse 11, Chapter 1:11 and then verse 18. Ready, read. “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance,” underline inheritance again, “being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” Also verse 18, “The eyes of your understanding,” in this particular portion here, this is actually a prayer that the Apostle Paul was praying for believers. He prays a prayer here in the Ephesians chapter 1 and it’s a powerful prayer. It’s a prayer that I pray every day and he also does a similar prayer over in the Book of Colossians and he also does part two to this prayer in the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 3. But anyway, this a prayer that he prays for the people of God. He prays for the saints. He prays for the church. He prays for the believers and it’s a powerful, powerful prayer. But notice in the middle of this prayer that he prays for believers, for saints. In verse 18, he says, he’s praying that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened that you may know what is the hope of his calling.

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And what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. So, I just want to use that as subject, “Our Inheritance in Christ.” Our inheritance in Christ, our inheritance in Christ. And so, you see that word inheritance in all of those text and I’ll share some more with you as we go on. But our inheritance in Christ. He prayed there that we would know the riches of the glory of his inheritance that’s in us as saints. Some of you know, we have a rich inheritance in Christ. We have a rich inheritance in Christ, a rich inheritance in Christ. Now, God honored Israel with an inheritance as well and their inheritance was the Promise Land. Their inheritance was the land of Canaan. And

so, as they journeyed through the wilderness, they were heading to this land of promise because this is the place God was giving them as an inheritance

Once they got there, all of the tribes were assigned by lot a portion of this land. By tribe, they receive a portion of Canaan, the promised land, as their inheritance. And so, what God was doing, He was showing in the Old Testament a type and a shadow of the inheritance that would one day come to us as believers. They receive physical land, the promised land, but we have received something far greater. Our inheritance is in Christ Jesus and folks, it is loaded. It loaded, it is loaded, it is loaded. What a wonderful inheritance we have. What a wonderful inheritance we have in Christ Jesus. Now, this inheritance that we have in Christ, it includes a place called heaven. That's part of our inheritance. A part of the great hope of the saints in the New Testament was that we had a place reserved for us in heaven. Place not made with hands. It was a country that Abraham had looked for. It was the country the old saints had looked for but they had they had not been able to discover it and so we have this place reserved for us. This place of heaven.

So, heaven is a part of our inheritance. Man, now check this out, check this out. Now, we have heaven to look forward to. We have heaven to look forward to but we also are able to enjoy our inheritance beginning right now in Christ Jesus. So, we have a rich inheritance. We have a rich inheritance. We have a rich inheritance. Man, what a powerful inheritance. So, we have something to look forward to. So, you know, after you've lived this life out to the fullest and enjoyed your inheritance in Christ on earth, then you pull your feet up into the bed and you pull the covers up over. You bless your children and you say, "Now, I'm going to my real inheritance." Now, I'm going to my real inheritance. Oh, I'm going to a place to a place and so, we have a wonderful hope that's reserved for us. This ties into the resurrection because what Christ did when He died, He got up to say that, you know, "death is not the end" and because "I am alive, you too are alive. You too will live forever." And so, He shows us that this inheritance is eternal. This inheritance is eternal.

Three things about this inheritance. Number one, it starts now. It starts now. Turn to your neighbor and say, "It starts now." It

starts now, it starts now. This inheritance we have in Christ, it starts now. And number two, it doesn't end. Now, I can just shout on number two. It doesn't end, it doesn't end. There's no end to this inheritance. There's no end to it. There's no end to this inheritance. Man, in fact as time goes on, inheritance gets sweeter and sweeter, better and better. So, there's no end to this --. Number three, this inheritance never diminishes. Never lessens in quality. It never diminishes. It gets better. It gets better. So, this is the inheritance that we have in Christ Jesus. Our inheritance in Christ Jesus. I've been having such a wonderful time just studying our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

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I'm sure that God sometimes scratches His head when He looks at us, and He's like, "You know, they don't realize what they have. They don't realize what I have in endowed with and bestowed upon them. They don't realize the rich inheritance that it's theirs. They don't realize that, they don't realize that. I remember, my brother Bishop Dale. He said, when he was young, a teenager, he was going to visit one of my aunts and it was his first airplane trip and he said -- he didn't have any money. His ticket was taking care of and he didn't have any money, so when he saw the lady with a cart serving refreshments, he was afraid to ask for any because he didn't have any money to purchase but he didn't realize they were included in ticket. They were already paid for. He said, he sat there and went without because he didn't realize what already belonged to him.

Folks, we have a rich inheritance in Christ Jesus and I pray by the Holy Spirit that in this series, we'll begin to look at and uncover and discover everything that belongs to us in Christ; our full purchase possession, our inheritance in Christ Jesus; our inheritance in Christ Jesus. Praise God. Praise God. I'm so excited. I'm excited. Turn to your neighbor say, "I'm excited about my inheritance." I'm excited about my inheritance, I am. I'm excited about my inheritance. I first began learning about my inheritance in Christ years ago. Brother Kenneth E. Hagin, he taught people how to know who they are in Christ Jesus. He gave this little tip that I used immediately but he said, "Go through the New Testament in Epistles and look for the phrase in him, by him, through him, by home." You look for all of these little pronouns that referred to Christ and if you attract them, it'll tell you who you are in Christ Jesus. It'll tell you who you

are, it'll tell you what belongs to you and it reveals your full inheritance to you and so, it's a wonderful study.

I remember getting my highlighter and just going through every scripture finding out everything that belongs to me in Christ Jesus. So, you're no longer just yourself, you are now in Christ. You are now in Christ Jesus and when Jesus rose from the dead, everything that was bestowed on Christ Jesus, you now have because you are in Christ Jesus. In fact, the Bible is so clear about that point, it says "We were made alive with Christ." We were made alive with Christ. It starts uniting us with Him immediately, almost before He could get out the grave because God was so excited because now, this full inheritance would not just be on Christ Jesus but it would now be on all believers who've accepted Christ Jesus as their Lord. This full inheritance would now be released into their lives.

So, everything that Christ Jesus received when He was resurrected from the dead, you now have. You share in everything He received. You share in everything that He received. The Bible makes it very clear; it says "We were made alive with him." We were made alive with Him then it says "We were raised up together with him" and then it says "We are seated together with him," So, we're now one with Christ, we are in Christ and so, when God looks at us, He looks at us as in Christ; Christ victory is our victory Christ whipped the devil and that's why He gave us a full armor of God. If you keep the helmet plate down on it, the devil can't tell who was in the suit. Keep the face-plate on the armor of God. Keep the face-plate down and put the word of God in your mouth and speak it out of your mouth; the devil can't tell who was in there.

It sounds like Jesus. He can't tell, so keep your face-plate down, speak the word of God and walk with the full armor of God on. Walk with that full armor of God on, he can't tell who's in there because we're in Christ. We're in Christ, we're in Christ. Take that helmet of salvation and the breastplate of righteousness. Have your loins gird by with truth; your feet sharp, prepared, with the gospel of peace. Taking the shield of faith and above all taking the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. So, you take the whole armor of God and keep your face-plate down and the devil can't tell who's in there. He can't tell who's in there

That's the authority we have in Christ. Christ victory over the devil is our victory over the devil. His victory over the devil is our victory over the devil. So, if you know who you are in Christ Jesus, man, it changes your life because you don't look at yourself as just as yourself alone. You look at yourself now in Christ Jesus. You look at yourself now in Christ Jesus. Oh man, praise God. Oh, we have a rich inheritance in Christ. We have a rich inheritance in Christ.

Now, here's the greatest inheritance that we have. It's not really the stuff, you know it's not heaven or the gold streets or the walls paved with jasper of the gates of pearl. It's not all the blessings. I'm going to tell you; the real greatest part of our inheritance is when we became His heirs. In other words, when we became His kids, that's the real prize. When we became His kids that is the real prize when we became the apple of His eye. Turn over, flip over to Isaiah chapter 43. Isaiah chapter 43, Isaiah chapter 43 in verse 1. Isaiah 43:1, notice what it says. It says, "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

That's the real prize of our inheritance, the fact that we belong to God we're now His kids. See, if you're in the family, if you are a child then you're automatically got everything daddy got. I just wish I had three people that --. If you're a child, you don't have to get stuff, all you have to do is be a child because if you're child, you already got the stuff. You got everything that he is, everything that he has. And so, the biggest part of our inheritance is when we became his kids. Flip over to Romans chapter 8. I'll show you couple of scriptures here. Romans chapter 8; Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Verse 17, "And if children--" then we're automatically heirs. If we are automatically heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. Joint-heirs with Christ. Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, we have everything that God has. Everything that God has, everything that He's made available to Christ Jesus, He's also made available to us because we are now in Christ. We are now in Christ.

Also, Galatians chapter 4, Galatians chapter 4, beginning with verse 4. Galatians 4:4-7, notice what it says, "But when the

fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that we're under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." See, that's the main part, we can just get in the family. Once we became kids, we had it made, so that we might receive the adoption of sons. In verse 6, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Oh man, we are heirs of God. We are joint-heirs with Christ Jesus. We're heirs of God, we're joint-heirs with Christ Jesus.

See, once you become a child, you know He'll look out for you. You know, He'll be for with you. You know, He'll always be there for you. He'll always provides for you. You know you have someone that you can go to. You know that He'll protect you. You know, you don't have to fear. You know you have somebody you can talk to. You know that you are the apple of His eye. You become the object of His love. That is the greatest part of our inheritance; we become the object of God's love. Think about your own kids; your own kids are probably your most prized possession. They become the object of your love. So, our greatest part of our inheritance is we have become His kids. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. The biggest part of our inheritance, the fact the we become His kids. We became His kids. We became His kids, so we've already won His heart. We already won God's heart. We have His heart.

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We're His Kids. That's the biggest part of our inheritance. We are in the family now. We are in the family now. And you know, the Bible says that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. They that dwell therein. All the silver is His, all the gold is His. The cattle on thousand hills is His, and we are His kids. Glory to God. What do you have to worry about? What do you have to worry about? Folks you have a rich inheritance, you have a rich inheritance. We're going to start going through scriptures by scriptures and I'll start pulling out your full inheritance in Christ Jesus. So, you can see who you are in Christ. You could see what belongs to you and when you get a hold, man, you're going to start slapping the devil upside his head. When you find out that we've been redeemed and the

price that was paid was His blood. And what has been released to us as a result of that.

Oh, man, you're no longer allowing the devil to push you around. You no longer allowing certain things to stay in your life. When you realize your full inheritance in Christ Jesus. Folks, Jesus delegated everything that was given Him in the resurrection. He gave it to us because He didn't need it. He was on His way to sit down on the right hand of the Father. His work that is to be carried out in the earth is by His body, the church, us, believers. We're the ones who need His name. We're the ones who need His spirit. We're ones who need His work. We're the ones who need His blood. He doesn't need it any longer. He's delegated it to us, the church, the body of Christ in the earth He carry out His work. He's given that to us. He's given that authority to us. Glory to God. Hallelujah. Oh man, I preach myself happy. I preach myself happy.

God began dealing with me several weeks ago about this. He said, teach my people about their inheritance in Christ. I'm tired of saying, "I'm broke down, bent over, beat up, and disgusted and not living up to what I have given them and released into them. I now need my people to arise up and then do the work of the ministry in the earth to fulfill this thing and bring it all home before the end of time, before it's too late. I need my people now, raising the dead, healing the sick, preaching to gospel, setting people free and bringing deliverance and restoration. Bringing the Kingdom of God to the earth to finish what Jesus started. To finish what He started. To finish what He started. Now, He's given us that inheritance, so we now have the will without to do it. He gave it to us. When Jesus rose from the dead, He said, "All power and all authority has been given to me." And He says, "No, I gave it to you, and you go forth. You go into all the earth, baptizing them. In the name of the Father teaching them in my name. Healing the sick." This is what He said, Mark Chapter 16, He says, "In my name, you lay hands on the sick and they will recover." "In my name you'll take up with the serpent and it won't hurt you." In my name He gave us everything that He is. He gave us everything that He is, that's our inheritance, that is our inheritance. He delegated it to the church. He delegated it to the church. He delegated it to us.

We have a rich inheritance in Christ. We have a rich inheritance in Christ. We have a rich inheritance in Christ. We've allowed ourselves to be beat up and now walking in light of our inheritance. Oh, man, but we're going to change that. Man, put your shoulders back a little bit and hold your head up. I'm the child of the most high God. That He love me so much. He bled and died on the cross for me and then He rose from the dead. Now, here's a thing, an inheritance is normally given when somebody dies. So, that's why Jesus had to die. He had to die, so He can legally transmit it to us by His last will and testament, that's why we have Old and New Testament. And so, it had to be enforced by the death of a testator.

So, He had to die. He had to die to release it legally to His kids. He had to die to release it legally to His kids and then He rose to make sure it was carried out. He rose to make sure because He's the only person who had a will, who dies so the will could be released and then He became an executor of His own will.

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I can't take it anymore. I can't take anymore; I can't take it anymore. So, I can't take anymore. I just can't take it anymore. I can take it anymore. I can't take it anymore. He's executor of His own will. He's the executor of His own will. He is the executor of His own will. He is the executor of His own will. He's the executor of His own. He's the executor of His own will. He's the executor of His will. Praise God.

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