

"Go Therefore and Make Disciples..."

#### EPHESIANS 1:11-14



### 1. Through Christ we have gained an inheritance.

### Inherit the kingdom of God Ephesians 5:5 Galatians 5:19-21 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

"To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

1 Timothy 1:17

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:4-6

# As the people of God, how are we to live as His children and inherit His kingdom?

Paul states: "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22

# How does knowing that we will inherit the kingdom help us accomplish His purpose now?

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

## Do you present your very life as a living sacrifice to God? How do you know?

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

# 2. In the Holy Spirit we have received the down payment of God's kingdom.

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1:13

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:15-17



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## 3. We will eventually possess the fullness of God's kingdom.

## Do you know if you are a Christian that is allegiant to Christ?

If God has given us the Spirit to guide us and be transformed, are you seeing that transformation occur? Would other followers of Christ agree, would your spouse agree, would those at your work place agree?

# How does your life reflect that you desire to become fully unified with Christ and His people?



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