

# The Inheritance

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***“In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”***

**1 Peter 1:4-5 (NIV)**

A young college graduate arrived home one afternoon and found an interesting looking letter in his mailbox. As he read it, he was overcome by disbelief and amazement. The letter said his father left him an inheritance of three million dollars. Because he had not met his father and knew nothing about him, the letter was too incredible to believe. He made a loud smirk as he put it along with other junk mail into a drawer. He had heard of numerous scams where people attempted to get information or money from their intended victim and he was not about to fall for the trap.

Whenever he came across the inheritance letter he would look it over wishing it could be true. How much easier his life would be. Each time he would reason with himself by asking: “What is the probability of a rich father out there who I have never met sending this amount of money?”

Over the course of time, he eventually got married and had a son. Finally, he passed away. As the son was going through his father’s things, he came across the inheritance letter. Although it was written 25 years ago, he took it home. He found it curious that his father kept the letter so long. He pondered for a few days and finally said, “What the heck!” and contacted the law firm. If there was the slightest possibility of truth, he wanted to know about it. The firm was surprised to receive a call. The director stated that numerous attempts were made to contact his father. In due course, a check was written to the son for the amount plus interest.

You see, his father had access to the inheritance, but simply would not believe it. Like the father, we also have an inheritance. It encompasses heaven and earth and will last for eternity. It is a free gift, so we don’t have to earn it. However, until we believe and accept the inheritance, it sits like an unused check in a drawer. (John 3:16/NIV)

God does not force us to receive His grace. Salvation can only be obtained by free-will choice. Receiving the gift is simple. Choose to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Then confess your sins and grow in knowledge through reading the Bible and going to church. The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing of the word. (Romans 10:17/NIV)

The world has many voices claiming there are other ways to get to God. They are deceptions from the pit of hell. Scripture tells us there is only one mediator between God and men – Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 2:5/NIV) The choice is clear, you can receive your inheritance or forfeit it.

I pray that you will seek the Lord with a humble and repentant heart. May God reveal his truth to you so you may have increasing faith. All to the glory of His name.

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