



Empowering People to Change the World

Contending for our Inheritance

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Romans 5:17

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Contending For Our Inheritance:

- Through the abundance, overflow of God's grace, and the gift of righteousness—the Holy Spirit freely given to us when we put our faith in Christ.
- Through Christ, the only One who can give us such grace and righteousness.
- We can rule and reign in life!
- Not life ruling and reigning over us, but Christ reigning and ruling over life.

This is the Prophetic fulfillment of the Original Mandate for Man.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- The original mandate is to be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion over the earth.
- The key point is that we are created in the “image of God, according to His likeness” and God has a kingdom and that kingdom is to cover the face of the earth.
- The original mandate was given for the purpose of the spread of the grace and righteousness of God over the earth.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- This is the reigning ruling Christ living within us. We are growing to understand and appropriate this reality!
- This life is about contending for our rightful inheritance in Christ.
- This inheritance has been given to us through our faith in Christ and our ongoing faith in the “working of His mighty power.”
- We have this revelation from the Holy Spirit that we can be more than we are, more than we have experienced, more than what the world offers.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood,[c] the forgiveness of sins.

- But we will have to contend for it!
- **Dictionary: struggle to surmount (a difficulty or danger). Cope with, grapple with, take on.**
- We have an enemy who is equally contending for our hearts—the Thief, the Dragon, the Liar, the “god of this age.”

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

- “The 10-10 Battle” by which Satan rebelled and was cast to the earth and now controls the earth.
- The spiritual gravity of the earth is under the control of the Dark Angel.

1 John 5:19

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

- On the one hand, Satan controls the world, has the world under its sway, but on the other hand we have the Son of God:
 - We have understanding to know Him and His ways.
 - To know the truth.
 - We are “in Him.”
- So, even as the earth and the philosophies of the earth are “under the sway of the wicked one” we can know the truth and the truth is what sets us free.
- **John 8:32 “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**
- This is a battleground of the heart for us to come into the reality of reigning in life.

- We are on this journey, the road less traveled, of understanding all that God has for us in Christ Jesus, through the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit...

Why most Believers don't come into their Inheritance. Most believers struggle and can't seem to breakthrough into their inheritance: Fear and Unbelief

- 1. Fear based in Shame!**
- 2. Fear of Failure!**
- 3. Unbelief that God will come through!**
- 4. Unbelief that God is good!**
- 5. Unbelief that God is truly loving!**