

## **“WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS,” #2**

### **INTRODUCTIONa**

- I. In a previous lesson, we looked at Paul’s statement in which he stated, “Whereof All Are Partakers.”
  - A. Initially, Paul, in Heb. 12:8, was referring to the chastisement or correction we all receive as God’s children, through His word, to correct our lives and enjoy God’s blessings.
  - B. We pointed out in this lesson that there are 4 other specific areas in which WE as Christians, are “partakers” or share in or take part in, PRESENTLY—in **this life**.
    - 1<sup>st</sup>, we partake of Christ’s DEATH by being baptized into His death, and communing with Him in the Lord’s Supper to remember His blood, and to walk in the life to have His cleansing blood continually.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>, we partake of Christ’s SUFFERING, by living righteously which brings about opposition and persecution from God’s enemies.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>, we partake of HOLINESS, to be LIKE Christ, as Christians. 1 Pet. 4:16
    - 4<sup>th</sup>, we partake of the DIVINE NATURE, as we practice the will of God, and become more and more like Him.
- II. Now, in today’s lesson, we want to examine some FUTURE ways we shall continue to “partake” or have special sharing with Christ **in the next life**.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **I. 1st, we shall be partakers of CHRIST’S RESURRECTION.**

- A. When we are baptized into the “death” of Christ, we are not only BURIED with Him in baptism, but we are also RAISED with Him to turn away from sin and live the new life in view of the final resurrection from the dead. Rom. 6:3-6
- B. Then, we anticipate that FUTURE resurrection (from the dead) in the last day.
  1. Jesus was raised to become the firstfruits, or promise of a greater resurrection. 1 Cor. 15:20-23
  2. All people WILL be raised, but the righteous will be raised to LIFE, while the wicked will be raised to CONDEMNATION. John 5:2 8-29; cf 1 Cor. 15:50-52

#### **II. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we shall be partakers of CHRIST’S GLORY.**

- A. Jesus came FROM glory when He came to earth, and upon His ascension, he returned TO His eternal glory with the Father. John 17:1-5; Acts 7:55
- B. If WE have partaken of Jesus’ suffering in this PRESENT WORLD, we TOO shall be glorified with Him in heaven, as we celebrate our victory over sin and the grave. 1 Pet. 4:13-16; Rom. 8:17-18; Phil. 3:20-21

#### **III. 3<sup>rd</sup>, we shall be partakers of CHRIST’S INHERITANCE.**

- A. Many people inherit material wealth from ancestors here on earth, which can’t compare to the inheritance Christ offers for Christians now. Matt. 6:19-21
  1. Christ is the **will-maker**, and those who obey Him and become God’s children, become the **heirs** of eternal life.
  2. Those “in Christ” are given this special inheritance.
    - a. Paul told the Galatians what the “faith” of Christ (the gospel which produces faith and is called “faith” in the scripture) is that under which we live. Gal. 3:24-25
    - b. Then, he explains that it is by THIS “faith” we become children of God. v. 26
    - c. Next, Paul declares that the act that makes us children of God is baptism. v. 27

- 1) He said we “are” (present tense) children of God through the gospel.
- 2) He said we “were” (past tense) “baptized into Christ”, prior to the present state of BEING God’s children.
- 3) Finally, he points out that those who are “in Christ Jesus” (*having already been baptized into Him*) are now “heirs”. v. 29
- 4) The inheritance is conditional, “IF ye be Christ’s” (belonging to Him), “in Christ Jesus.” vs. 28, 29
- 5) Those “in Christ” are heirs according to God’s “promise”, and He cannot lie. v. 29; Tit. 1:2

B. Faithful Christians shall be “partakers” of this inheritance. Eph. 1:10-11; Col. 1:12

**CONCLUSION**

I. The apostle Paul sums up ALL of our “partakings’ in one great passage of scripture. Rom. 8:17-18 (Explain)

II. Are you “partaking” of Christ’s **death, suffering, holiness** and **divine nature**, NOW—in this life?

A. If not, you are not ready to partake of His **resurrection, glory** and **inheritance** upon His return?

B. If you need to begin, or to return to God before it’s too late, we encourage you to do so today.

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