

12-14-2025 Sunday Sermon Message

Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Ephesians 1:17-23

Title: **The Hope Called to Be God's Children and the Abundance of the Glory of Inheritance in the Saints**

Apostle Paul testified that in order to realize the hope given to God's children and the richness of His inheritance in the saints, the glorious Father can only know by giving the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself to enlighten the eyes of the understanding.

Apostle Paul testified that God predestined those he knew in advance to be conformed to the image of his Son:

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
³⁰ **Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."**(Romans 8:29-30)

King David had long known and prophesied about this hope in the Holy Spirit:

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."(Psalm 17:15)

When apostle Paul said of Jesus that He wanted to be "**the first born of many brethren**," he was saying that He was the first man born of the Holy Spirit. He also testified that all brothers who believed in Him and received the Holy Spirit and were born again became His brothers.

Then, when we become united with Jesus, it will be on the day of the rapture when we are transformed into an immortal and incorruptible body and resurrected. In this hope, we are waiting for the day of redemption:

" Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
⁵² **In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**
⁵³ **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."**(1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

Then, it testifies to the apostle Paul's realization of what we will do in the rapture of heaven and wear the same image as Jesus to live forever in heaven. In other words, we are witnessing of the riches of His inheritance that He gives us:

" Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,
²¹ **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**
²² **And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church."**(Ephesians 1:20-22)

He testifies that the most amazing thing is that He gave the church Jesus Christ, the head of all things. The Church of God has been established since the last 2,000 years when the Apostle Paul testified to the gospel of Christ's grace. The church is not a building, but a gathering of saints who

believe in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and are born of the Holy Spirit. Even if only two or three people who have been born again by the Holy Spirit gather, it becomes the church of God. But a gathering of thousands of people who have not been born again of the Holy Spirit cannot be the Church of God:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."(Matthew 18:20)

When the day of the rapture comes, the apostle Paul testified that all the saints who have been members of the Church of God for the past two thousand years and who have died and slept in Christ will first be resurrected and led up into the air with the surviving saints:

" For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Apostle Paul revealed in the Holy Spirit what is the riches of the inheritance that the bride of Christ will receive who will live with Christ forever:

"Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."(Ephesians 1:23)

This is truly a word that can only be understood and seen by those who have the eyes of the understanding enlightened. The apostle Paul says of the work that Christ will

do **forever and ever, "He who fills all things in all things."**

He testifies that the church is his body and the fullness of the One who fills all things in all things. In other words, the purpose of God's establishment of His church on the earth is that He predestined the church to work with Him to fill all things with Him forever and ever.

Therefore, just as Adam and Noah were entrusted with refilling the earth in the past, the bride of Christ will receive a rich inheritance that fills all things in the universe with Him, and will work with Christ forever and ever. Our Heavenly Father is infinite. Even if there are hundreds of billions of galaxies in the sky right now, one day they will fill all the stars. God will expand the universe forever. It is an eternity that we do not dare to understand in our heads. What a rich inheritance will be? This is why our saved souls praise the Lord forever and ever.

Amen! Hallelujah!