

5-10-2026 Sunday Sermon Message  
Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16  
Text: Ephesians 1:17-23

Title: **The Glorious Inheritance to the Church as the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ**

The apostle Paul wrote to the saints in Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus, testifying of the glorious inheritance given to the Church of God, the Church that became the body of Christ Jesus.

He testified that God chose us in Christ to establish His church on earth and predestined us to be adopted as His children through Jesus Christ according to God's pleasing will, so that we might praise the glory of His grace.

He also testified of God's plan for us:

**"Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**

**<sup>10</sup> That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:"(Ephesians 1:9-10)**

He also testified that we were predestined according to the purpose of the One who does all things according to His own pleasure, and that we have received an inheritance in Him. In Him, we also testified that we have heard the Word of truth, the gospel of salvation, and by trusting Him, we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise.

He testified that our sealing with the Holy Spirit of promise is a guarantee of our inheritance and that we may praise His glory.

He testified of God's blessings in order to realize what God's inheritance is for the church:

**"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:**

**<sup>18</sup> The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,"(Ephesians 1:17-19)**

He testified of the power of the great God:

**<sup>20</sup> Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> 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:"(Ephesians 1:20-21)**

The apostle Paul testified to the tremendous fact that it was for the blessing of the church he would establish that God had made Jesus Christ superior to all names:

**" And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,**

**<sup>23</sup> Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."(Ephesians 1:22-23)**

There is only one church on earth that God bought with the blood of Jesus Christ. There are many local churches in many places on earth, but the Church of God is an organism of Christians who have been sealed

by the Holy Spirit, regardless of their physical location. Therefore, in God's eyes, it is a single community of Christians who believe in the gospel of Christ and have been sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ, regardless of country, ethnicity, or language.

God put all things under the feet of Jesus Christ and made Him the head over all things and gave them to the church, making the church His body. Therefore, each member of God's church has become a part of His body and a helper in all that He does. It is as if Eve became one with Adam and became a companion to help Adam in all that he did.

Right now, Jesus Christ in heaven and the church on earth are physically separated, but in the coming time, when the time is full, He will bring all things together in Christ, including those in heaven, things on earth, and things in Himself.

The first thing that will happen will be on the Day of the Rapture, when Jesus Christ will appear in the air and lift His church up into heaven. Through the wedding ceremony of the Lamb, Jesus Christ as the Head and the church, the body, will become one body physically in the city of New Jerusalem. The apostle Paul testified to the members of the Thessalonian church that the church would be with Christ forever at this time (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Finally, Christ will be with the church when He opens the gates of heaven and appears to judge the world. The Apostle John saw the scene and testified:

**" And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And the armies of heaven followed him, dressed in**

**white and pure linen, and riding on white horses."(Revelation 19:14)**

Jesus Christ will be the King of kings and Lord of Lords, and He will first throw the antichrist and false prophets alive into the lake of fire to judge them (19:19-20)

Finally, Christ will establish His Kingdom on the earth under which He Himself rules. At this time, the Church of God will become a helpful companion and rule with Christ.

The apostle Paul testified of this rule together:

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: **"(2 Timothy 2:12)**

The apostle Paul said Christ will be the fullness of the One who fills all things with Christ in the church, and he will work with the church forever and ever.

Amen! Hallelujah!