

OUR UNCLAIMED WEALTH

Ephesians 1:3

Introduction: "I wish I had a rich uncle who had just died and left me a zillion dollars." Sometimes something like that really happens. Someone dies and having no immediate relative, leaves his/her wealth to a distant relative who didn't even know the one who died, but was picked out to be the beneficiary of the person who died. Well, Christians have a lot of unclaimed wealth awaiting them, spiritual blessings which God wants to bestow upon us.

- There are those which come to us immediately, upon our believing in Jesus.
- There are those which we shall receive when the Lord Jesus calls His Church to Heaven.
- Then there are those which we will never see unless we make an effort to have them.

Christians, there are things God has for us right now that we have to go and get.

I. GOD WILL NOT FORCE ANYTHING ON US

- Joshua had to fight for the promised land.
- Christians have to work at, adjust, fight to be able to obtain some of God's blessings.

II. WE CAN HAVE AS MUCH AS WE INSIST ON HAVING

- God told Joshua that everywhere the people would walk upon, they could have.
- Thus we may ask of God as largely as we want, the more daring the request, the more we will have to do, but the more God will be blessed by our request and efforts.

III. WE WILL HAVE AS LITTLE AS WE ARE SATISFIED WITH

- God will not give us more than we really want.
 - If a Christian wants to live a defeated life, content to follow afar off, then that's what he/she'll have.
 - If a Christian wants to settle for a joyless, barren life, never experiencing the joy of letting the Holy Spirit run his/her life, that's what he/she will get.
- It is disheartening to other Christians who really care to see their brothers and sisters in the Lord settle for so less than what they could be having.
 - To live a lukewarm, mediocre Christian life when they could be living such an uplifted, exciting life for the Lord.

IV. WE HAVE RIGHT NOW AS MUCH AS WE REALLY WANT

- Seriously, everyone of us is as close to the Lord as we really want to be.
 - We are as full of the Holy Spirit as we want to be. *"...blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.."*
 - We get all we want, not more than we want, but what we ask for.
- We need to know the difference between "wanting and wishing."
 - To "want" is a deep, wholehearted desire.
 - To "wish" is superficial with an unwillingness to meet the conditions to have what is wished for.

CONCLUSION:

1. God has placed before His Children (us), a vast world of spiritual wealth/treasures that is/are not being claimed by His Children.
2. The greatest tragedy in the history of man is the "fall" from God, however the second greatest tragedy could well be Christians not claiming all the riches and treasures God has laid up for them.
3. *"...You have not because you ask not...."*