

THE CHRISTIAN'S INHERITANCE

I. INTRODUCTION.

a. TEXT: I Peter 1:3-5.

- i. Christians—children of God.
 - 1. Romans 8:16; I John 3:1; I Timothy 3:15;
- ii. Christians—heirs of God.
 - 1. Romans 8:17; Acts 20:32; Ephesians 1:14.

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S INHERITANCE. (I PETER 1:3-5)

a. THE BASIS OF OUR HOPE—THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. (I PETER 1:3)

- i. The apostles—a fading hope (crucifixion) turns to a living hope—Christ's resurrection.
- ii. Christians—begotten unto a living hope.
 - 1. James 1:18.
 - 2. I Thessalonians 4:13-14.
 - 3. I Corinthians 15:19.

b. THE CHARACTER OF OUR INHERITANCE. (I PET. 1:4)

- i. Incorruptible. (I Peter 3:4; Hebrews 9:15)
- ii. undefiled. (Hebrews 7:26; Colossians 3:24)
- iii. Does not fade away. (I Peter 5:4)
- iv. Reserved in heaven. (John 14:1-3)

c. THE ASSURANCE OF OUR INHERITANCE. (I PET. 1:5)

- i. The promises of God—unchanging. (Hebrews 6:16-18)
- ii. Kept by the “power” of God. (I Peter 1:5a)
- iii. Kept through our faith. (I Peter 1:5b)
- iv. Faith comes by hearing God's word. (Romans 10:17)

III. CONCLUSION.

- a. *Christian hope—based on the resurrection of Christ.*
- b. *Christian inheritance—prepared and reserved.*
- c. *Christian assurance—promise and power of God.*