

A Heritage of Evil

“Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.” Psalm 119:111



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I spoke to those of you who have a godly heritage of generations raised in the faith of Jesus Christ. I told you that I hope you are grateful to God and grateful to your ancestors who set examples of living to glorify Christ in their daily lives. I also told you it is your responsibility to pass on your godly heritage to future generations. Another group I spoke to was those of you who decided that the world and all it had to offer was more exciting to your flesh than loving and serving God. Now you are living with the consequences of your choices, and I encouraged you that it is not too late. Repent to God and those that you have led astray and ask the Holy Spirit to restore your godly heritage, not only for yourself but also to all your future generations.

Now I want to speak to all of you who, like myself, did not have a godly heritage. My family heritage did not include church, God, or the Bible; my heritage was evil! My ancestors were full of hate, bitterness, anger, unforgiveness, pride, rebellion, lying, deception, theft, drugs, murder, the occult, pornography, incest, alcohol, smoking, adultery, abortion, greed, covetousness, jealousy, and violence. The list of evil goes on and on.

But praise God through Christ, I have a whole new heritage! In March 1976, God in His AMAZING GRACE, love, and mercy drew me to Christ. I acknowledged I was a sinner, asked Jesus to forgive me, and put my trust in Him as my Savior. I asked Him to deliver, cleanse, heal, and set me free so that He would be glorified.

2 Corinthians 5:17 reads, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* Beloved, you and I do not have to live under the curse and bondage of an evil heritage. Through Christ and His death and resurrection, we have a whole new heritage. On the cross, Christ destroyed our evil heritage. Through His resurrection, He set us free and gave us a new life, a new nature, and a new future with Him. Romans 8:15-17 reads, *“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”*

Beloved, when we put our trust in Christ as our Savior and surrender our lives to Him, He adopts us into His family. God becomes our heavenly Father, our Abba Father. We do not have to live in the bondage of our past! Over the years as I have daily read and obeyed the Bible, the Holy Spirit has transformed my life and marriage. I can clearly see an abundance of evidence that my evil heritage is broken, and through Christ, I have a whole new heritage. Christ redeemed me from my evil past, and He wants to do the same for you. Again, Christ wants to free you from your evil past.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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