

"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the Promise." Galatians 3:29 KJV



If you are in Christ, you are Abraham's offspring, because Jesus is the "Son of Promise;" promised when God covenanted with Himself to bless Abraham and all of His progeny. *"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."* Jesus was in the lineage of Abraham and *"If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW creature."* Every promise given to Abraham and his heirs includes every believer, because we are *"the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."* Faith is the elemental gift of God that immerses every believer in the God-head and converts them from a stranger to a child. *"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* God told Abraham, *"By myself have I sworn...that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed..."* In Jesus came the blessing of eternal Life and pleasure to *"whosoever will. Faith cometh by...the Word of God."* Those who take the gift of faith given through the Word of God; and exercise it, not hiding it in fear; will ultimately hear, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* Those in Christ are made *"unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."* In another passage believers are told, *"Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in the First Resurrection: on such the Second Death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."* This is not some fairytale myth or chimney corner fable, this is a promise made by the God who decreed this morning's sunrise over six millennia ago! The God who *"so loved the world;"* the God who *"will come again and receive you unto [Himself]."* Some of you may remember the chorus we used to sing in Sunday school that is still Truth today for every believer. *Ev'ry promise in the Book is mine; Ev'ry chapter, ev'ry verse, ev'ry line; all the blessings of His Love Divine; Ev'ry promise in the Book is mine!* The question, still, is not, "Do you know God?" but, "Does God, know you? Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. MY sheep HEAR my voice, and I KNOW THEM, and THEY FOLLOW ME: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." If God KNOWS you, you will hear Him in your heart when He says you have sinned; when He reminds you He loves you; and you will follow that Voice.

Through Christ each faithful soul becomes,
An heir to promise, ev'ry one,
They'll rule and reign with Christ the KING,
When final shout from heaven rings! -CGP

Those in Jesus are heirs to eternity's wealth! It'll only be a little while longer.

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:15-17 KJV