

Coheirs With Christ

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What is
an
heir?

“A person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that person's death.”

[https://
en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/h
eir](https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/heir)

Κληρονόμος
(klēronómos, G2818):
“someone who
inherits”

*HELPS Word-
Studies,*
“klēronómos”

Game: “I will [...] to you”

"When Countess Karlotta Libenstein of Germany died in 1991, she left her entire **\$80 million fortune** to ... her pet, **a German shepherd** named Gunther III."

<http://time.com>
[time/](http://time.com)

"Luis Carlos de Noronha Cabral de Camara boasted of his noble Portuguese lineage, but was not a happy man.

As the illegitimate and unloved son of an aristocratic woman, he was rich but had few friends and no offspring of his own."

So when it came to writing out his will almost 20 years ago, he asked a Portuguese notary for a copy of the Lisbon phone book and **plucked out names at random.**"

[https://www.theguardian.com/world/2007/jan/16/gilestr
emlett.mainsection](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2007/jan/16/gilestr
emlett.mainsection)

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"The search is on for the relatives of Holocaust survivor Roman Blum - who passed away in January last year leaving behind the largest unclaimed estate in New York history.

With no apparent surviving family members - his wife died 21-years ago and the couple was childless - the 97-year-old property moguls **\$40 million fortune** will be **taken on by the state.**"

[http://
www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2316357/Roman-Blum
-heirs-40m-fortune-Holocaust-survivors-estate-set-i
nherited-New-York-state.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2316357/Roman-Blum-heirs-40m-fortune-Holocaust-survivors-estate-set-inherited-New-York-state.html)

Old Testament Concept of Inheritance

"In the Old Testament, the most common word for "inheritance" (Hebrew "nahalah") means "to get possession of, to take possession." In most cases the word means "to possess" rather than "to inherit by means of a last will and testament" even though it refers to the "possession" which one has received through legal claim."

[Gary M. Gulan, "A Biblical View of Inheritance."

BeyondThePulpit.org. Accessed April 14, 2018.

www.beyondthepulpit.org/articles/doc_view/925-inheritance]

Old Testament Concept of Inheritance

Inheritance was controlled by the following regulations:

- (1) The firstborn son inherited a double portion of all the father's possession (Deuteronomy 21:15-17);
- (2) the daughters were entitled to an inheritance, provided there were no sons in the family (Numbers 27:8);
- (3) in case there were no direct heirs, the brothers or more distant kinsmen were recognized (27:9-11); in no case should an estate pass from one tribe to another.

["Inheritance," in *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* (1915), ed. James Orr]

How did we
become
heirs/co-
heirs?

- Through adoption (John 1:12)
- Under the covenant (Heb 6:17 & Heb 9:15)
- By grace (Gal 3:18; See also Ac 20:32; Col 1:12_)
- Through faith (Gal 3:29; See also Ro 4:13-17; Heb 11:7-10)

["5705 inheritance, spiritual," in Dictionary of Bible Themes (1996) ed. Martin H. Manser]

What are our inheritance?

The kingdom of God

(Matthew 25:34;

1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 15:50;

Galatians

5:21;

Ephesians

5:5)

Redeemed & glorified bodies

(Romans 8:22-23)

Eternal life

(Hebrews 9:15)

The world/all things

(Psalms 2:8; Psalms 24:1;

Romans 4:13;

1 Corinthians 3:21-23)

The nature of our inheritance

- It has been prepared from creation (Mt 25:34)
- It is guaranteed for eternity (1Pe 1:3-5; See also Ps 37:18; Da 12:13)
- It is sealed with God's promise (Eph 1:13-14; See also Rev 7:3 ; Rev 9:4)

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Reflection Questions

How will you live differently in light of

- i) your status as a coheir with Christ
- ii) your inheritance as a child of God?