

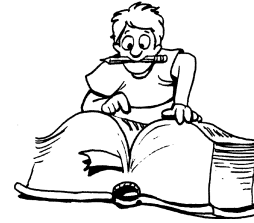


I BELIEVE

If you have never believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior, take a moment now to know that God the Father loves us and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, down from heaven to become a man to pay the penalty for all of our sins and not only ours but for the sins of the whole world. He was without sin and He paid the price for everyone's sins on the cross. After that He was buried in a tomb and then rose again from the dead. If you believe in Jesus, you will spend eternity with God in heaven forever and no one can snatch you out of God's hands! This is God's TRUTH.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Newness of Life in Christ*.



Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

For the Church Age believer, part of the inheritance is a birthright, and part of the inheritance are rewards for mature believers.

Inheritance Chest Romans 8:17

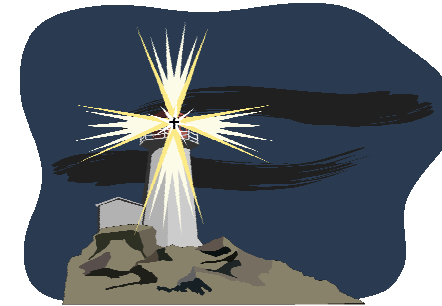
| Birthright Heirs of God by Regeneration Free Gifts <u>Nature</u> | Reward (Mature Son) Joint heirs with Christ - a life of overcoming and serving. Earned <u>Service</u> |
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At regeneration we receive a **new nature**. We are new creatures in Christ! It is a free gift. In our newness of life in Christ, we are God's children and His heirs! Everything belongs to Christ, and because we are IN HIM we share in everything that belongs to Him.

Rewards are earned by **service**. The source of the production matters. Motivation: for the Lord or for myself? Power: from the Holy Spirit or the flesh? Only those things done for the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit will be rewarded. We can't take the credit. So, through the power of the Holy Spirit let's give ourselves time and run the race to spiritual maturity!

Pee Wee Light

The little sapling has the same **NATURE** as the mighty oak.
But it is the mighty oak that **SERVES**.



Lighthouse Bible Church

Nature and Service

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