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"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think

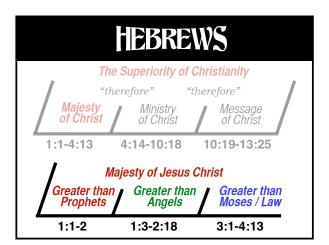


of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither."

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. (p. 134).

Bereans will be convinced that Christian faith that is of earthly good (relevant)

must first be heavenly minded!



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#### Hebrews 1

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# Angels were God's MEDIATING messengers in delivering the LAW.

Acts 7:53

"you who received the law as **ordained by angels**, and yet did not keep it."

#### Galatians 3:19

"Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been **ordained through angels** by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made."

#### Hebrews 1

"1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in **many portions and in many ways**," 2 in these last days has spoken to us in **His son**,"

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"2 in these last days has spoken to us in **His Son**, whom He appointed **heir** of all things, through whom also He made the world. . . . 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has **inherited** a more excellent name than they.

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### The pattern of Paul's letters

What Christ has done for us.

Our WORTH & WEALTH "in Christ"

What Christ is doing in and through us.

Our WALK in this life without WORRYING or WHINING

Inheritance influences Lifestyle

The order is consistent and significant

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#### A family name, glory, and inheritance

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# Jesus (not angels) inherited the name - Son of God.

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All who are "in Christ" by faith are also included.

# Jesus (not angels) was a part of the GOD FAMILY of GLORY.

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#### Ephesians 1

"16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him."

God's family of glory Father, Son, (all "In Christ")

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#### Our inheritance is "in Christ" with Christ and the Father.

#### 1 Peter 1:4

"to obtain an **inheritance** which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved in heaven** for you."

#### Hebrews 9:15

"Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the **promised** eternal inheritance."

#### Romans 8:17

"and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ."

#### Colossians 1:12

"giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in **the inheritance of the saints** in Light."

# What believers have "in Christ" is a promised pledge bringing peace in the midst of storms.

#### Ephesians 1

"13 **In Him**, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were **sealed in Him** with the Holy Spirit of **promise**, 14 who is given as a **pledge** of our **inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."

#### Romans 8:18

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

# What believers have "in Christ" is too often undervalued and cannot be overstated.

#### John 17

"22 And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them, and You in me, that they may be perfected in unity."

#### Ephesians 3:19

"and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

#### Ephesians 3

"18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe."

 When we do not know how to intercede for others this should be our prayer.

"I pray that you would be filled with God's Spirit, grounded in faith, sensing God's love, and power from the inside out so that God's image would shine in and through you, especially in the face of trials."



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When the Son shines all other stars are hard to see.

The key to: Serenity, Security, & Significance Freedom to: love selflessly, endure patiently, forgive graciously

### Ephesians 3

"20 Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.

Amen."

