

*“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is The Hope Of His Calling, And what the riches of the glory of His Inheritance In The Saints.”*  
*Ephesians 1:17-18 KJV*

Did you know believers are God’s inheritance? *“In whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace; Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of His Will, ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PLEASURE WHICH HE HATH PURPOSED IN HIMSELF: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather*



*together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF HIM who worketh all things after the COUNSEL OF HIS OWN WILL.”* God has given Himself a Gift; believers. He has planned it from eternity past. It is a pure and perfect Gift fashioned in the virtue and power of the Holiness of His own Purpose and Word! Ask yourself, “Why do I believe God’s Word when others do not?” The Gift of Faith, which *“cometh by the Word of God!”* Everything God does is perfect! Faith is offered freely to all, but only those who receive it, that is those who believe and obey God’s Word, will receive the Power to become the children of God. *“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, to them gave HE POWER to become the sons of God, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE on His Name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD.”* So why do you believe? Because God’s Word brought you the Gift of Faith and you received it; not one human sense was involved! You can’t see, touch, hear, smell, or taste God, but now you do all this by *“the Faith of Jesus Christ. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 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.”* We know we are God’s children, because we desire to obey Him. *“And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.”* The word “keep” not only means obey, but also to guard and treasure. *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* David put it this way; *“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.”* The words of an old hymn come to mind, “The Solid Rock;”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand. ~Edward Mote, ca.1834

What is your Hope? Do you desire to please God? Why?

*“Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:13-14 KJV*