

Your Spirit and Birthright

To understand the importance of our spirit, we need to grasp the significance of birthright.

John 1v12-14 "But as many as received Him, to them **He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God".

Ephesians 1v13-14 "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory".

Ephesians 1v3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with** every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ".

Galatians 3v29 "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise".

When we accept Christ, we enter our birthright and become children of God. You already had that birthright in Him because our spirit comes from God; without it, we lack true life. *John 1v4 "In Him was life and that life was the light of men"*.

However, various factors can hinder us from fully accessing our birthright. Generational curses, childhood trauma, and other experiences can distort our identity and limit our blessings. To reclaim our birthright, we must recognise our true identity in Christ. We are made in God's image and have access to spiritual blessings and authority through Him.

Our birthright can be hijacked, hindering us from fully accessing our birthright. As we have already established, generational curses and transference, our experiences during development, childhood trauma, and other experiences, can distort our identity and limit our blessings. We end up not accessing our full inheritance. We need to claim back what is rightfully ours.

To reclaim our birthright, we must recognise our true identity in Christ. We are made in God's image (Genesis 1v26) and have access to spiritual blessings and authority through Him. We need to receive this revelation through His Spirit that dwells in us.

John 1v12 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right (authority) to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name".

John 14 v1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.

John 14v12 -28 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask **in My name, that I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I".

We can take so much from John 14. We see that we have a mansion in our Father's place. We have a right to live with Him. He can visit us there. He is preparing for us and He will fetch us to Himself. He says that we know they way to where He is. How do we know this? By the Spirit. Remember, spirit communicates to spirit therefore we need our spirit in order to engage with the Holy Spirit and hear what the Lord is saying to us and showing us. We see that we can know the Father through the Spirit of Truth and that He dwells with us and in us. Where is this dwelling? It is a spiritual one within our spirit. The Father and the Son also make Their home with us, contingent on us keeping His commandments, which displays our love for Him - it is this love that manifests Him to us, through our spirit. So if our spirit is in poor health, we will miss out on so much. Our soul has to be subdued because it is often influenced by what is going on around us and we can be deceived by the lies we believe that distort and veil the truth of the Spirit. If we can live in that place of rest in the Spirit, we can have peace and we need not be troubled or afraid. There is One that loves us that is greater than anything we will face and He is a good Father.

Birthright

Our birthright is the biggest problem we will have to solve. Your birthright is everything about who you are and why you are here. Once you can become fully aligned with this and solve this problem, only then can we access the abundance there for us. We need to remember that we were made to solve a problem. And we are individually and uniquely equipped and gifted for that.

The Hebrew word for birthright is *becorah* and belongs by custom to the firstborn male who opens the womb. The *becorah* legally entitles the firstborn to a double portion of the father's inheritance (Deuteronomy 21v17).

¹Birthright is the concept of things being due to a person upon or by fact of their birth, or due to the order of their birth. These may include rights of citizenship based on the place where the person was born or the citizenship of their parents, and inheritance rights to property owned by parents or others.

We have earthly parents, but who is our Father? God is our Father as our Creator, and therefore we, we have an inheritance in Him, and we have a right to citizenship in His Kingdom. We access this through our spirit.

If we look at citizenship, it means that we are legally or legitimately associated with that country, therefore, all that is due to us, according to the laws of that country, is also our right. Our membership is acquired at birth or on the grounds of birth, and it is a lifelong status that will span across our generations. So even if you do not live in that country, or you were not born in that country, your rights are by bloodline inheritance. When we come to Christ, we come into our *bloodline inheritance* from the Father. Now we are no longer ignorant, or should not be, about what is ours in the spirit.

Philippians 3v20-21 "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself".

Please pay attention to the bold print. Our citizenship **IS** in heaven. It's not going to be, it already is. We are just waiting for the "formalising" of this when Jesus comes, and we are transformed into the spiritual beings that we are.

Understanding our birthright is essential to unlock our full potential in Christ. As we embrace our identity as God's children and activate our spirit through the Holy Spirit, we can access His abundance and blessings. Aligning our hearts and minds with our spiritual birthright leads to a life of purpose and fulfilment in Christ.

A Sample Prayer - Cleansing the Birthright:

This is just a sample prayer, and it can be added to or modified to suit your particular situation. You can ask the Holy Spirit to lead you on what to pray and what needs to be cancelled concerning your birthright.

Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name mighty name of Jesus.

I declare the Lordship of Jesus Christ over my life, and the power in the Blood of Jesus to cleanse and free me. I repent on behalf of ancestors and myself where we have sinned against You Lord, and I renounce any oaths, covenants and agreements that took place, binding us to the enemy in any way. I confess and repent of these sins.

I declare that Jesus Christ paid the price once and for all for my salvation. I call on the Blood of Jesus that speaks on my behalf and I strip all strongmen of their assignments in the name of Jesus. I dismiss any gatekeepers who are keeping any and all bloodline curses intact. I reject these curses.

I bring before You, Father God, the matter of birthright and I stand on the word in 2 Timothy 1v9 that says, "You have saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to Your own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began".

¹ Birthright - Wikipedia. (2007, January 4). Birthright - Wikipedia. Retrieved from https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birthright www.lionsarise.org

I request that every false verdict linked to my birthright, all the way back to Adam, will be overturned and that my birthright be cleansed and returned to me. According to Isaiah 28, let it be for me that You will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumbline, and this will be brought to bear against any covenant with death and Sheol that were made on my behalf. I ask that through the Blood of Jesus that speaks on my behalf, these agreements will not stand, that they are annulled on my behalf. Where ungodly evil marriages were consummated in the spirit for defilement, I ask that a divorce certificate be issued severing my spirit, soul and body from these entities and covenants. I ask that Your scourge, as in Isaiah 28, will overflow and pass through and trample on the enemy and bring terror to their hearts in the camp of the enemy. I ask now that the angels that are on assignment on my behalf, be sent out to do Your will now on earth as it is in heaven.

Isaiah 28 v 15 - 19 "Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol, we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."

Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled, And your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, Then you will be trampled down by it. As often as it goes out it will take you; For morning by morning it will pass over, And by day and by night; It will be a terror just to understand the report."

I ask in Jesus' name that any parts of me that need healing, holding any part of my destiny or birthright back, will be healed and made whole in Jesus' name. I ask that as those parts are healed, my destiny will come forward and be released to me this day. I ask that You, Lord, show me what my scroll looks like. I ask that wherever my destiny has been entangled with any evil and ungodly powers, that by the sword of the Spirit, there will be a separation of these powers from my humanity, and I will be set free to live my destiny. We ask where any ungodly powers have been capitalising on my birthright, that they will now feel Your scourge too and that they will be trampled down for using what was not theirs in the first place. I cleanse my birthright with living water and request a return of everything that belongs to me in Jesus Christ. I declare that I am a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and chosen in Christ, Who is my inheritance, and I am His. I declare a release into my destiny through the finished work of the Cross in the mighty power and name of Yeshua. Amen!

What can we then deduce from all this?

We are heirs, and we have the inheritance as firstborn because Jesus was the firstborn, and we are His inheritance. We are in Him. We have a heavenly citizenship and should not put too much personal stock into our brief sojourn on earth, apart from what God has called us to do. It is temporary, so do not get too comfortable or allow what happens here to rob you of your inheritance, like Esau, who gave up something so precious just because he was hungry. Sometimes, we must push through the hard times and challenges to continue to lay hold of what is ours or what we are working toward in Him. We shouldn't give up too soon. However, if we operate mainly from our soul, we will get weary and be tempted to give up. That is why we need our spirit to be strengthened in the Lord (Zechariah 4v6).

Colossians 1v15-19 "He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn over all creation**. Fo**r by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible,** www.lionsarise.org

whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and **in Him all things consist**. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, **and by Him to reconcile all things to Himsel**f, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

I will close this with an excerpt from ²Watchman Nee (The Christian Life and Warfare):

Before man fell, it was the spirit that controlled his entire being. When the spirit wants to do something, it communicates this to the soul, and the soul motivates the body to obey the command of the spirit. This is the meaning of the soul as the medium. Luke 1v46-47 says, "My soul magnifies [present tense] the Lord, and my spirit has exulted [perfect tense] in God my Saviour." The spirit must first exult, before the soul can magnify the Lord. The spirit first communicates the exultation to the soul, then the soul communicates to the body. The body is the "world-consciousness," the soul is the "self-consciousness," and the spirit is the "God-consciousness." There are five organs in the body, which afford man the five senses. This physical body enables man to communicate with the physical world. This is why it is called the "world-consciousness." The soul includes that part known as man's intellect, which helps to make man's existence possible. The part of love generates affections toward other human beings or objects. The part that can be aroused is the part that originates from the consciousness. All these are parts of the man himself; they form the personality of man. Hence, they are called the "self-consciousness."

The spirit is the part with which man communicates with God. With this part, man worships God, serves Him, and understands his relationship with God. Hence, it is called the "God-consciousness." The spirit has knowledge, but this knowledge is different from the knowledge of the mind. Because the spirit is different from the mind, only a spiritual man can know himself. First Corinthians 2v11 says, "For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which is in him?" Although man knows things through the mind, his mind is actually not trustworthy and cannot know "the things of man." The mind may have knowledge, but only by man's spirit can he know the things of man and know himself. Hence, God's Word states the fact: "For who...knows the things of man, except the spirit." This spirit is the part with which man fellowships with God. "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding" (Job 32v8). "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly" (Proverbs. 20v27). The spirit of man is the part with which man fellowships with God.

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² Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The (Set 1) Vol. 01: The Christian Life and Warfare, Chapter 5, by Watchman Nee