

PRESENT INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS

Puget Sound Bible Students Convention, May 29-30, 2010

RECOMMENDED READING LIST:

F659	STUDY XVI, THE PRESENT INHERITANCE OF THE NEW CREATION
R193	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSô February, 1881 (First question only)
R1598	THE HEAVENLY INHERITANCE
R1905	THY SHIELD AND THY REWARD
R1948	THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY
R1949	TRIALS OF FAITHô WHY PERMITTED
R2642	FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH
R2760	GOD'S BLESSING BRINGS RICHES
R3260	THE JOYS OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE
R4973	THE FUTURE INHERITANCE OF THE NEW CREATION
R5431	PEACE WITH GOD AND THE PEACE OF GOD

THE STUDY QUESTIONS:

The intended emphasis of this study is to consider the joys and blessings set before us. This will mean that, during the convention, we will spend proportionately more of the allotted time on Sections I and IV. However, you are encouraged to fully consider all the questions in your personal study.

SECTION I — An Itemized List of Our Present Inheritance

1. The word "inheritance" implies something of value of what *value* is the present inheritance of the New Creation? ô Acts 20:32; 1 Cor 2:9-12; Heb 11:1, 3.
2. Create an inventory of the things that make up our present inheritance. Support each item on your list with Scripture. [*Note: at the convention, we will collectively assemble this list, so bring some good suggestions!*]
3. For each item of your inventory in Question 2: What is God's purpose in giving us this present inheritance? How does it help us walk in this narrow way? How does it strengthen and encourage us? ô 2 Peter 1:4.

SECTION II — Present v. Future Inheritance

4. What conditions are necessary in order for us to claim this present inheritance? ô 2 Cor 5:5; Eph 1:13, 14; Heb 9:15; 1 John 2:27.
5. In what way is this present inheritance a foretaste of our future inheritance? ô Heb 6:5; 1 Pet 2:3.
6. Will the items that make up our present inheritance be the same things that make up our future inheritance or are they different? What will go

away? What will stay? ô Matt 26:29; 1 Cor 13:10; 1 Cor 15:44, 49; 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 14:13.

SECTION III — Our Responsibility Towards Our Inheritance

7. What responsibility do we have regarding our present inheritance? ô Proverbs 11:24, 25; Mark 12:41-44; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor 4:1; Heb 2:1.
8. How can we daily go beyond the theoretical and grow in awareness and heart appreciation of our present inheritance? ô John 16:24; James 1:5.

SECTION IV — Trials, Persecutions and Our Present Joys

9. Hebrews 12:2 mentions the joys that were set before Jesusô his "present inheritance"ô what were those joys? Do we have the same joys?
10. Are the trials, testings, and chastisements of the current time part of our present inheritance? If so, then how do we best utilize them? How does our present inheritance help us as the time of trouble intensifies? ô Rom 8:17; 1 Thes 1:6; 2 Tim 3:12; Heb 12:5-8; James 1:2; 1 Pet 4:13.
11. Are the joys and blessings of the current time part of our present inheritance? If so, then how do we best grasp hold of them? ô Psa 16:11; 132:13-16; Jer 15:16; Matt 13:44; John 16:24; Rom 14:17; 15:13.
12. How is the joy that we have now as a present inheritance different from the joy we will have as a future inheritance? ô Psa 30:5; John 16:20; 1 Peter 4:13; Jude 1:24.