

Vision Sunday

A Year of Inheritance

Inheritance can occur at multiple levels. There is the inheritance we have as believers but there is also the individual inheritance, we experience based on God's promises to us. In addition, our focus today is on a spiritual inheritance we have as a community of faith. We can have general benefits that are in our employee handbooks at work but there are times when your boss makes specific promises to you based on your actions or faithfulness in an area. We need to tap into these things in the spirit.

There are unique promises Jesus makes to the churches in Revelation. Look at this example:

Rev 2:24-29 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.' 26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 27 that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'[b]—just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give that one the morning star. 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Isaiah 61:7-9 Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

To possess means to take possession of something, to inherit and to dispossess. **There are things that need to be dispossessed in this season. There are ruling spirits and dominant influences in the region that need to be displaced.**

The word for disgrace means reproach, insult, dishonour and ignominy (public shame). This often happens when you have been abused and when you have been falsely accused.

I believe that there is an inheritance that is not always visible or obvious. It is like DNA. You can be genetically wired to end up bald, but this is not seen until you reach a certain age. There are dimensions we are going to start walking in that people have not seen signs of yet. **Don't let your past be a predictor of your future.**

Joshua 18:1-4 The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the Tent of Meeting there. The country was brought under their control, but there were still seven Israelite tribes who had not yet received their inheritance. So Joshua said to the Israelites: "How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you? Appoint three men from each tribe. I will send them out to make a survey of the land and to write a description of it, according to the inheritance of each. Then they will return to me.

There are many people today who are waiting to take possession of what is truly theirs. Yet God is waiting for them.

The benefits of inheritance are only experienced when you take possession of it.

(Deuteronomy 11:24) "Every place where you set your foot will be yours: Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the western sea."

(Joshua 1:3) I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses."

(Joshua 14:9) "On that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly."

Receiving your inheritance is a joyful thing.

Ps 16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

A fully blessed inheritance is not obtained prematurely.

Prov 20:21 An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning will not be blessed at the end.

Receiving an inheritance comes after serving God with a pure heart, free from the man pleasing spirit.

Col 3:23-24 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Walking in your inheritance requires sanctification.

Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Ps 37:29 the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.

There are degrees of consecration required in order to walk in specific mantles. If you are called to have a Davidic kingly mantle, then you need to study what David went through. If you are called to have a Jeremiah seer mantle then you need to study what Jeremiah went through. **Many people want mantles but ignore the price that has to be paid. There are no shortcuts.** I wish they were. **Sometimes you might think it is taking long to get your inheritance, but rather focus on passing the tests you are going through.** We talk about Moses' seeing God and His ways but what was it like spending 40 years on the back side of the desert? What did God have to work out of Moses before He could use him? **Often the progress of a ministry or movement is affected by the levels of sanctification required.**

Embracing this inheritance requires our spiritual eyes being opened.

Eph 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Do you know what your portion of the inheritance is? Seeing something gives you hope.

What does inheritance look like for Go Christian Church this year?

- Last year was a year of breakthrough where we got our land. This year we are taking possession of the land. Eg meeting there before the building is complete
- God rewards with people. He is sending us destiny helpers like never before. The right people at the right time.
- We will walk in our life scriptures as a church. We will see this in:
 - unusual miracles
 - school of leadership, ministry and reformation
- I believe we are in a season of passing certain tests:
 - Test of obscurity
 - Test of servanthood
 - Test of surrender and consecration – Paul had to empty himself of past crowns
 - Test of absolute dependence
 - Test of impartiality
 - Test of consistency
- We will be faithful in evangelism. Groups and departments will get involved in outreaches.
- We will continue to close the back door of the church.

This will be done by creating community (Family days, couples, men's, women and youth camps etc). This is critical because our church has had many people come but also many people go.
- We will have life stage specific and relevant ministry (Young adults, nursing moms, single moms etc)
- We will remain consistent in prayer.

The critical mass of people involved in prayer will increase, starting with this week of prayer and fasting. (Prayer seminar and book launch)
- We will go to new levels of giving
 - fully embrace the law of sowing and reaping

2 Cor 9:6-7 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Praying and making declarations without giving and sowing generously is like a farmer expecting a harvest without sowing seed. People who have received their inheritance are joyful and have an abundance mentality. Imagine jumping off a building and then trying to cancel the law of gravity. It won't work. **Many people are praying for breakthrough despite the fact that they are living under a universal law that is working against them. This law is the law of sowing and reaping.** They should instead be crying out for God's mercy in stead of claiming promises in self-righteousness.

- We will equip believers in the Word in our Sunday services
 - Uncommon Virtues
 - Contemporary error
 - Apologetics