

SPIRITUAL INVESTOR

There are two (1cc) [if and it's true] conditional clauses in our lesson text that are important to this study.

We will examine our lesson text by the following three homiletical points (Philm.17-18).

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| • Worthy | “accept (proslambano / a.m.impv.2ps) him as you would me” | Investment |
| • Wronged | “in any way or owes you anything” | Indebted |
| • Withdraw | “charge (ellogeo / p.a.impv.2ps) that to my account” | Investor |

This is an occasion for Paul (spiritual investor) to make a faith withdraw from his eternal escrow inheritance towards a spiritual investment in Onesimus' indebtedness.

This lesson will study four aspects of Paul's application of his eternal escrow inheritance as a Spiritual Investor in the grace work of the Lord (Philm.17-18).

1. Being an heir and having an inheritance are 2 of the 20 Status Privileges in the grace package of grace salvation.

“And after you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace**, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” (1 Pet.5:10)

- **Heir** - “Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.” (Gal.4:7)
- **Inheritance** - “Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.” (Col.1:12)

Ambassador (2 Cor.5:18-21)
Bond slave (1 Cor.7:22-23)
Child of Promise (Gal.3:26-29)
Citizen (heaven) (Phil.3:20)
Living stone (1 Pet.2:5-9)
Saint (2 Thess.1:10-12)

Brother (1 Thess.1:4-5)
Body of church (1 Cor.12:12-27)
Creation (new) (2 Cor.5:17)
Eternal life (1 John 5:11-13)
Priest (1 Pet.2:5, 9)
Son of God (Gal.4:4-7)

Beloved (Col.3:12)
Calling (2 Tim.1:9)
Chosen (Eph.1:4-5)
Firstborn (Heb.12:23-24)
Righteous (2 Cor.5:21)
Son of light (1 Thess.5:4-8)

The three believers that dominate the subject of the Book of Philemon have equality in Christ on the basis of the grace of God (Paul, Philemon, and Onesimus). Therefore they all have the same 20 Status Privileges as members of the royal family of God. These 20 Status Privileges are part of the irrevocable package of grace salvation (Rom.11:29).

2. Pastor Bob Thieme coined the word escrow to help his congregation understand the importance of making faith withdraws from the eternal inheritance as Spiritual Investor in the work of the Lord.

English dictionary defines **escrow** as “a deed, bond, money, or piece of property held in trust by a third party (grantor) to be turned over to the grantee upon fulfillment of a condition.”

Jesus Christ is the grantor:

(Heb.9:15) “And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, **those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**”

Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is the grantee based on grace salvation.

- (1 Pet.1:3-4) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved (tereo / perf.p.ptc) in heaven for you.” (Eph.1:11)
- (Titus 3:7) “That being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

3. **These 20 Status Privileges are based on positional sanctification work of the Holy Spirit.**

(Acts 20:32) “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up **and to give you the inheritance among those who are sanctified.**”

(Acts 26:18) “To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the domain of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and **an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.**”

(Col.1:12-13) “Giving thanks to the Father, **who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.** For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

The indwelling Holy Spirit is the pledge from the grantor that grantee has this inheritance.

(Eph.1:13-14) “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, 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.”

4. **Every CAB has a portfolio of invisible assets reserved in the Bank of Heaven given to him on the basis of grace salvation.**

(1 Pet.1:4) “To obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved** (tereo / perf.p.ptc) **in heaven for you.**”

The spiritual mature believer makes faith withdraws from the escrow inheritance to make spiritual investment in the work (divine production) of the Lord

(Philm.18) “But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, **charge that to my account.**”
(2 Cor.8:5-9, 14; 9:6-12)

(Phil.4:11) “Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am.”

Our inheritance is based on the **riches of Christ.**

(2 Cor.8:9) “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, that **you through His poverty might become rich.**” (Eph.1:7-8)

(Eph.2:7-9) “In order that in the ages to come He might show the **surpassing riches of His grace** in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

(Eph.1:18-19a) “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, and **what** is the surpassing greatness of His power towards us who believe.”

The true measure of wealth of the CAB is determined by what his Spiritual Investment in the work of the Lord based on his escrow grace inheritance. (Matt.6:19-21 “But lay up treasures in heaven.” (Luke 19:11-27)