

# The Qualification for Joint Inheritance

Ephesians 1:11

*Inheritance* - Definition: *kleros κλήρος* = an assigned portion – possessions passed down to others at the time of death. Words that describe that are: bequeathal, birthright, endowment, estate, benefaction – even *heirship*. (Col.1:12) *“Giving thanks to the Father, having made you fit (qualified) for the (μερίδα μερίδα του κλήρου) part of the lot, part of the inheritance (assigned portion) of the saints (believers in union) in light (sphere of light).”*

1. God assigned His Son to be the HEIR. He is described as the Heir of all things: [Heb. 1:2](#) and [Heb. 1:8-13](#) (Read).
2. This Heirship is based on Son ship where Jesus is called the Son of God ([John 1:12](#); [Romans 8:17](#) and [Gal. 3:26](#)). The title of Jesus – Son of God. When we believe, we become Sons of God.
3. This inheritance (heirship) is based on the death of another. We inherit on the basis of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom.5:8). *“But God commended”* [1 Cor. 15:3, 4](#) *“Christ died for our sin, was buried, rose again on 3<sup>rd</sup> day.”* When someone dies, they make certain people to be the recipients of their estate. We inherit on the basis of the death of Jesus. His spiritual death is the foundation of our eternal heritage ([Romans 5:18](#)).
4. To inherit – to be an Heir, you have to be in that particular family – To be an heir of God and a joint heir of Christ – you must be in the family. The way we get into God’s family is to have His Life imputed in us – [Titus 3:7](#) *“Being justified by His Grace we might become Heirs...”* [1 John 5:11,12](#)
5. Therefore Salvation is the Qualification for joint Inheritance ([Col. 1:12, 13](#)).
6. Heirship – inheritance – is related to the Biblical concept of EPOG (Eternal Purpose of God) since we share the destiny of Jesus Christ. (Our verse [Eph. 1:11](#))
7. Heirship is related to election – [Heb. 9:15](#) – Joint Heirs share the election.
8. Inheritance emphasizes eternal security – [1 Peter 1:4, 5](#). (Read)
9. Heirship is provided on the basis of God’s grace ([Gal. 3:29](#)).
10. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the down payment on our Inheritance ([Eph. 1:14](#)).