## **Doctrinal Studies**

## **Doctrine of Heirship**

- 1. Definition: Heirship deals with the various categories in which Grace has provided an inheritance for both time and eternity
- 2. The basis of our heirship in the Royal Family described:
  - a) Heirship is based on Sonship—John 1:12; Romans 8:16, 17; Galatians 3:25: "We are heirs by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."
  - b) Heirship is based on the death of another—Romans 5:8.
  - c) Heirship is based on the new covenant which says in Hebrews 9:15, "And because of this He keeps on being the Mediator of a new covenant, a death having come to pass for the purpose of redemption of the transgression against the first covenant, in order that they (Royal Family) having been called, might receive into their possession the promise of the eternal inheritance." We have an inheritance because we are members of the Royal Family.
  - d) To inherit from God one must possess the life of God which is eternal life—1 John 5:11, 12.
  - e) All the heirs of God have been justified by Grace—Titus 3:7: "Being justified by His grace, we might be made heirs with reference to eternal life."
  - f) Salvation is the qualification for this inheritance—Colossians 1:12: "Constantly being thankful to the Father, having qualified you all for a share of the inheritance of the saints in the light." What we have comes from the light of spiritual food in our souls.
- 3. The believer has a Grace Abounding Life (GAL) in time. This is a righteousness related to food in the soul. This means to have something on the outside because of what's on the inside—Hebrews 11:7.
- 4. The heirship of the Royal Family is based upon the Divine Decrees—the Eternal Plan of God (EPOG) of eternity past—Ephesians 1:11: "In whom also we have received an inheritance, having been pre-destined by a predetermined plan from the One (Father) putting into operation all things according to the decree from His will and purpose."
  - Heirship is based upon something which was put together by the members of the Trinity billions of years ago. Billions of years ago, God decided just exactly what blessings He you at the point of your reaching the GAL. For some He planned great success, wealth, promotion, social prosperity, sexual prosperity, etc. Some choose to miss all these blessings because they choose to be negative to Him and His thinking.
- 5. The indwelling Holy Spirit is the down-payment of the inheritance of the Royal Family—Eph 1:14.
- 6. Our inheritance is a part of the Divine Promise—Galatians 3:29.
- 7. Our inheritance is secure forever—1 Peter 3:9.
- 8. The GAL has a temporal inheritance for the Royal Family—Hebrews 6:12; 1 Peter 3:9.
- 9. Spiritual Food (SF) in the soul is the means of the Grace life heritage in time—Proverbs 8:21: "That I may cause those who love me (SF) to inherit substance (wealth-possessions); and I will fill their treasuries (storehouses)." Psalm 16:5; Ephesians 1:18.

God has designed an Inheritance at Salvation, for the time we spend on the earth, and for Eternity.