

**Intro:**

## XXVIII. The Holy Spirit and our Guaranteed Glory

## A. Heirs of Glory - vs 17a

1. Emphasis here is closely related to their adoption
2. and if children, then heirs
  - a. doesn't carry the idea of possibility or doubt, but reality and causality
  - b. better translated because
  - c. because all believers have the leading of the Spirit (vs 14) and His witness (vs 16) they are indeed children of God and thereby heirs also
3. Heirs - Ac 26:18;
  - a. Paul speaks to Romans, Jews and Greeks, about Roman adoption
    - i. vs 15 whereby the father chooses how the inheritance is distributed
    - ii. In Jewish tradition, the eldest son gets a double portion, but the father also can determine who is worthy - Isaac, Jacob
  - b. Believers are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise - Ro 4:11; Gal 3:29; 4:7

## B. Our Source of Glory - vs 17b

1. The Heavenly Father --heirs of God
  - a. only His to give - Col 1:12; 3:24
  - b. not an afterthought - Mt 25:34; Eph 1:11
2. value of the inheritance determined by the one who bequeaths it
  - a. heir - *kleronomos* - a sharer by lot, inheritor; a possessor--heir.
  - b. inheritance - *kleronomia* - heirship, a patrimony or a possession, inheritance.
  - c. God is the inheritance - Ps 73:25; Lam 3:24; Rev 21:3
    - i. bearing His image forever - 1 Co 15:49; 1 Jo 3:2
    - ii. Being rich - 2 Co 8:9
    - iii. Being one with Christ as He is with the Father - Jo 17:22

## C. The Extent of Glory - vs 17c

1. and joint heirs with Christ,
  - a. Christ is the heir of all things - Heb 1:2
  - b. being joint heirs, we are to inherit all that He receives - Eph 1:3, 11
2. Earth Math compared to Heavenly Math
  - a. Earth Math - each child would get an equal share
  - b. Heavenly Math - each child receive the same inheritance - Mt 20:1-16
    - i. all that Christ receives by divine right, we will receive by divine grace
    - ii. Inheritance is not equal to rewards
      - Inheritance is given based on being part of the family - adoption
      - reward is given based on service - 1 Co 3:10-15; 2 Co 5:9-10
3. Looking forward to our inheritance affects
  - a. our life here
    - i. tied to this world
      - not looking forward to 2nd coming,
      - lives life according to earthly desires and motivations
      - fruitfulness and obedience hindered
    - ii. Eternal perspective
      - know their true citizenship is heaven - Phil 3:20

- free to serve and be obedient - Gal 5:13-17; 1 Jo 3:3
- fruitful - Jo 15:4-5

b. our rewards there

- i. rewarded according to things done in this Body - 2 Co 5:10
- ii. Good - that done in the power of the Spirit for the Glory of God
- iii. Bad - that done in one's own strength,
  - according to one's own motivation,
  - for one's own reward

D. Proof of Glory - vs 17 d

1. if indeed we suffer with Him,

a. If

- i. as in the beginning of the verse, connotes actuality,
- ii. Better translated because or inasmuch

b. we suffer with Him - Ac 14:22; Php 1:29; 2Ti 2:11-12

- i. Jesus closed the beatitudes promise of blessing - Mt 5:10-12
- ii. In context suffering would include
  - the struggle with sin in this body - 7:15-8:13
  - as well as suffering persecution - 8:35; Mt 10:24-25; 2 Ti 3:12  
-ridicule, mockery, scorn brought on b/c of association with Christ
  - we can receive that affliction as divine proof we truly belong to Christ and that our hope of heavenly glory is not in vain

2. that we may also be glorified together.

- a. suffering here is used by God to establish, strengthen, and confirm us - Ro 5:3-5; 1 Pe 5:10

- b. suffering here also brings future glory - Mt 20:21-23; 2Co 4:17

E. The Comparison of Glory - vs 18

1. For I consider

- a. *logizomai* - to take an inventory, estimate:--conclude, (ac-)count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).
- b. not a suggestion, but strong affirmation

2. that the sufferings of this present time

- a. sufferings - *pathema* - something undergone, hardship or pain; an emotion or influence:-- affliction, affliction, motion, suffering.
  - i. used for both Christ's sufferings and the believers
  - ii. The suffering of true faith brings glory - 1 Pe 1:6-7

b. present time - in this life

3. are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- a. *axios* - deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise):--due reward, meet, (un-)worthy.

- b. the picture of those glorified - Dan 12:3; Mt 13:43; 1Co 15:41-44