

INHERITANCE: A BELIEVER'S BLESSING

COLOSSIANS 1:12b

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: "Heaven is the place where God most fully makes known his presence to bless." Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 1159. For this Paul says to be thankful. As a believer, you are qualified (fit) for heaven.

WITH YOUR PLACE—The Lord began a personal relationship with individuals with flaming tongues of fire on the day of Pentecost. In heaven different treasures, rewards, positions, and places will be given to individuals in recognition of their proven character and faithfulness. Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*, pp. 370, 371. (**Colossians 1:12b, Acts 2:3, Colossians 3:24, Matthew 6:19,20, fn 6:20, Matthew 16:27, fn 16:27, II Corinthians 5:9, 10, fn 5:9, 10, John 14:1-3, fn 14:2, 3, Daniel 12:13, fn 12:13[2nd]**) *How could you store up treasure or blessing in heaven?*

WITH THE SAINTS—The saints are those who have placed their faith in Jesus. Those believers who led you to Christ and those who you lead to Christ will be among those who experience the joy of eternal fellowship. (**Colossians 1:12b, Daniel 12:3, fn 12:3, Philemon 6, ESV, NIV, I Corinthians 15:58, fn 15:58, II Timothy 4:5-8, fn 4:8, I Thessalonians 2:17-20, fn 2:20**) *In your preparation for heaven, how could you lead more people to Christ?*

WITH YOUR GOD—Because seeing God's face may be like looking at the arcs of 1000 weldings or the continuous blast of an atomic bomb, no one, not even Moses, could see God's face. Yet in heaven you will be able to look into His face and experience wholeness, completeness, joyfulness, and holiness. All that we were created to be will be fulfilled. (**Colossians 1:12b, Revelation 22:4, I Timothy 6:15, 16, I John 3:1-3, fn 3:2, 3, Psalms 16:9-11, fn 16:10, I Corinthians 13:12, fn 13:12, John 1:18, fn 1:18**) *How is seeing God the ultimate blessing?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.

