

Joshua 1:3-5, Inheritance of the Church Age Believer: The Adult Spiritual Life (Stages 2&3); Fellow heirs with Christ: 10 Top-Circle Assets

(b) Spiritual autonomy, plus cognitive independence,⁸ plus sharing the happiness of God, plus momentum testing in four categories, produces spiritual maturity.

SA + Cind + PSD#9 + MT₄ = SM.

(c) Spiritual maturity, plus cognitive invincibility,⁹ plus occupation with Christ, plus evidence testing¹⁰ in two categories (1) your relationship with God and (2) your relationship with life), produces maximum glorification of God.

SM + Cinv + PSD#10 + ET₂ = MGG.

⁹ Cognitive invincibility: Maximum function of all ten problem-solving devices in all circumstances.

¹⁰ Evidence testing: Satan's attempt to discredit the believer whom God presents as evidence for the prosecution in Satan's Appeal Trial. Satan's cross-examination of the mature believer seeks to entice his betrayal, denouncement, or refutation of God and His Word. He uses two tactics: (1) Testing related to the plan of God which challenges the believer's relationship with the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, and God's plan for his life, and (2) testing related to the circumstances of life which challenges the believer through loss of prosperity, loss of health, or loss of friends. An example of the former is our Lord's confrontation with Satan in Matthew 4 and an example of the latter is the Book of Job.

28- Under predestination, God provides the opportunity to fulfill one's responsibilities as a privileged member of His royal family. The divine power system grants the opportunity to execute the responsibilities of that heritage.

29- Under election, God enables His royal priesthood to function in the devil's world under the provisions of logistical grace support. Life support gives opportunity to function as a priest; spiritual support provides opportunity to serve as a priest.

30- Our Lord Jesus Christ developed all four spiritual mechanics during the incarnation and then made those mechanics available to us as a part of our inheritance in the Church Age.

31- In addition to these invisible assets, we also become joint heirs with Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Romans 8:16 - The Holy Spirit Himself testifies together with our human spirit that we are children of God.

v 17 - Now if we are children, we are also heirs, on the one hand, heirs of God and, on the other hand, fellow heirs with Christ.

32- Being fellow heirs with Christ means that we share the same assets possessed by Christ. “Fellow heirs” means we are sons of God. We are made sons through adoption into the royal family of God.

33- This places us into the permanent environment of the Top Circle which represents our union with Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is current positional truth and includes the following eternal assets: (1) the imputation of divine righteousness, (2) the imputation of eternal life, (3) membership in the royal family through adoption, (4) escrow blessings, (5) citizenship in His heavenly community with πολίτευμα privileges; (6) membership in the royal priesthood, (7) election to privilege and opportunity, (8) a predetermined plan, (9) set apart for special function through sanctification, and (10) acceptance through Christ.

34- Old Testament believers had an inheritance package as well but theirs was not as advanced as ours. Certain Israelites were the beneficiaries of an earthly kingdom with client nation status.