

# I AM A CO-HEIR WITH CHRIST

## WEEK 3

Last week, we talked about being members of God's family. John 1:12 taught us that all who receive and believe in Jesus are given the right to become children of God. But John 1:12 is not the only verse in the Bible that talks about being children of God. In Romans 8:16-17, the apostle Paul teaches that everyone who believes in Jesus are not only children of God, but also fellow heirs with Christ. Does anyone know what being an heir means? An heir is a person who is officially promised all the belongings and position of someone after they die. Kind of like a prince is promised a kingdom after a king dies.

Jesus, being God's Son, rightly is the heir of all things, given by God the Father. The book of Revelation tells us that all glory and power and dominion are His. Jesus is the heir of God...but God cannot die. How can there be an heir without someone dying? Trick question. There can't. That's the amazing part about Jesus. Jesus is both fully God AND fully man. He is perfect and holy and endless, just like God. But He allowed Himself to become like us, a human man, so He could suffer and die. Now, because of Jesus' death there can be an heir to the kingdom of God...and Jesus is it! It may seem confusing but think of it this way. God needed one of His children to die so someone could inherit His kingdom, but God loves you too much to part from you, so He accomplished it the only way He knew how. He did it himself—killing His one and only Son so you wouldn't have to die.

God wants you to be with Him in His kingdom. But only God's children can enter His kingdom. We've already learned that we are children of God, but God wants even more for us than that! God wants us to be an heir to His kingdom with Jesus. But we cannot receive all God wants to give us without someone dying and giving us the position of heir to the kingdom. So, Jesus died for us, instead of us, so we could join Him as a co-heir in the kingdom of God. Now, you are a prince or princess in God's eternal kingdom because of Jesus! Pray thanking God for sending Jesus to do what only He could do, die and come alive again, so you can be with Him forever.

## MEMORIZE

Romans 8:16-17a - The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

## FAMILY

Re-read Romans 8:16-17. Talk about what it means to be a co-heir with Christ. Are there times you don't feel like you deserve to receive all God gives? Share and thank God for knowing your worth.

## SHARE

Think of something you really want. Maybe an activity or special treat to eat. Then offer to share that thing with someone you care about. Share your blessings with others!

## CHALLENGE

Being co-heirs with Christ means we are connected to Him. Make a paper chain. Cut paper into strips, write Bible verses or promises from God on each strip. Then link them together and display.