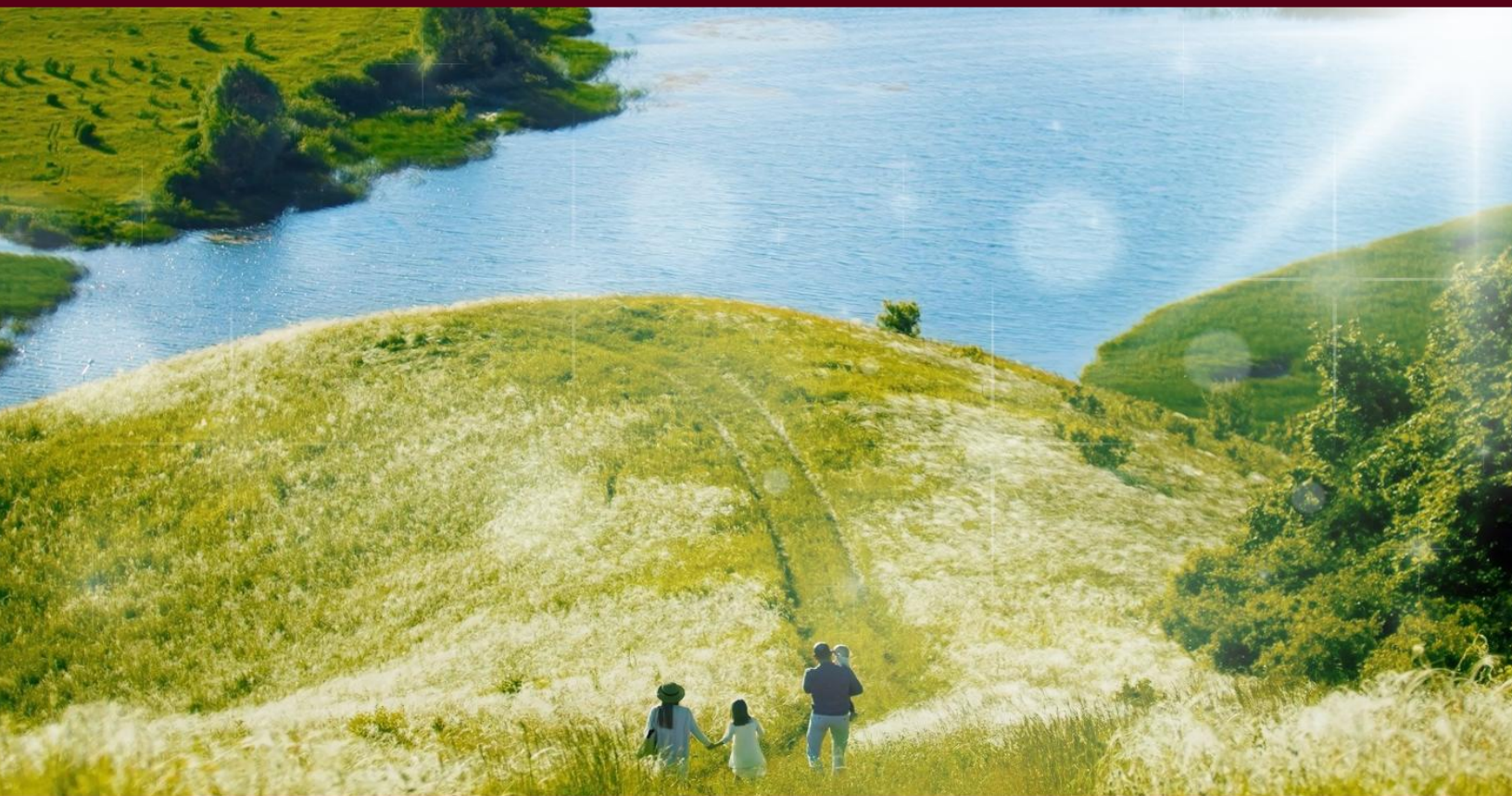


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⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:

*"For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name."*

¹⁰ And again he says:

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

¹¹ And again:

*"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!"*

¹² And again, Isaiah says:

*"There shall be a root of Jesse;
And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles,
In Him the Gentiles shall hope."
(Romans 15)*



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INTRODUCTION

The Church is about to depart in the Rapture; we are waiting for the day and the hour when the Lord Jesus Christ will come, that is, when He will come down from the Third Heaven to the second heaven at the first sound of the trumpet. Then, at the next sounding, the dead in Christ will rise first, resurrected incorruptible and glorified; after that, we, who are still alive, will be transformed in the twinkling of an eye, and together with them we will be caught away into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and go to the New Jerusalem. All this is already at the door.

Are you sure we are about to depart to the New Jerusalem? YES ✓ NO .

If you answered "Yes," write three biblical reasons related to what is happening now that support your answer:

1. The reestablishment of Israel as a nation in 1948, and the fulfillment of the seventy-year generation (the blossom of the fig tree of Matthew 24:32 and 34). 2. The sign of convergence in Matthew 24:33, that is, all the signs described in Matthew 24 happening at the same time (plagues, pandemics, wars, natural disasters, apostasy, and false christs, among others). 3. The Lord's call to the Church: The Lord said in Revelation 3:20 that when He was at the door, He would call His Church.

Based on what you read at the beginning of this introduction, write down the phases of the day and hour of the glorious event of the Rapture; what happens first, what happens next, what happens after, and what happens at the end. For your answer, read the following passages and use them: (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). There will be several trumpet sounds, but we believe it might be a sequence:

FIRST TRUMPET SOUND: The Lord comes down from the Third Heaven to the clouds and brings with Him those who slept in Him.

SECOND TRUMPET SOUND: Those who died in Christ are resurrected first, incorruptible.

FINAL TRUMPET SOUND: In the twinkling of an eye, those of us who are alive and remain will be transformed and our bodies will be glorified.

FINAL EVENT: We will be caught away together with those who were resurrected at the second trumpet to meet the Lord in the air.

As all of this is about to happen, we are going to begin this series of discipleships with its respective steps, so that we may fully understand the eternal promises that the Lord has given to His children within powerful covenants.

STEP 1



WHY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID
CHRIST BECOME INCARNATE, DIE,
RISE AGAIN GLORIFIED, AND
ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?

Why and for what purpose did Christ become incarnate, die, rise again glorified, and ascend into Heaven? Write your answer: Because we were far short of the glory of God. Christ did all this to redeem us, give us salvation, make us children of God, and grant us eternal promises and inheritance: Descendants, New Earth, and Government.

Many people do not know the answer to this question because they have not been preached the true gospel. They do not know the meaning of Christ's death, nor do they understand why it was necessary for Him to rise again, why He was glorified, or why and for what purpose He ascended into Heaven.

Many people answer the previous question in the following ways:

"Christ died and rose again to bless me." But what blessing are they referring to?

"Christ died to give me salvation." But what do they mean by "salvation"? What does it mean to be saved for them? What are you saved from, and for what reason are you saved?



Let's read Hebrews 9:11-15:

¹¹ But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Based on your reading, answer the following questions:

- Where did Christ enter? He entered the Most Holy Place.
- How did Christ enter this place? With His own blood.
- What did He obtain when He entered that place? Eternal redemption.
- Through whom did Christ offer Himself? The Holy Spirit.
- How did Christ offer Himself? Without spot.
- To whom did Christ offer Himself? To God the Father.
- What does Christ cleanse us from? From dead works.
- Why does Christ cleanse us? To serve the living God.
- What is Christ the mediator of? Of the New Covenant.
- What did Christ do as mediator? To redeem the transgressions under the first covenant.
- Finally, why did Christ do all this? To give us the promise of eternal inheritance.
- Based on verse 11, answer: What title does the author of Hebrews use here to refer to Christ? High Priest of the good things to come.
- What does Christ keep and minister to with this title? The good things to come, the eternal inheritance.

Based on all your answers, now answer the question: Why did Christ die, rise again glorified, and ascend to Heaven?

To redeem us from our sins
and give us the promise of
eternal inheritance

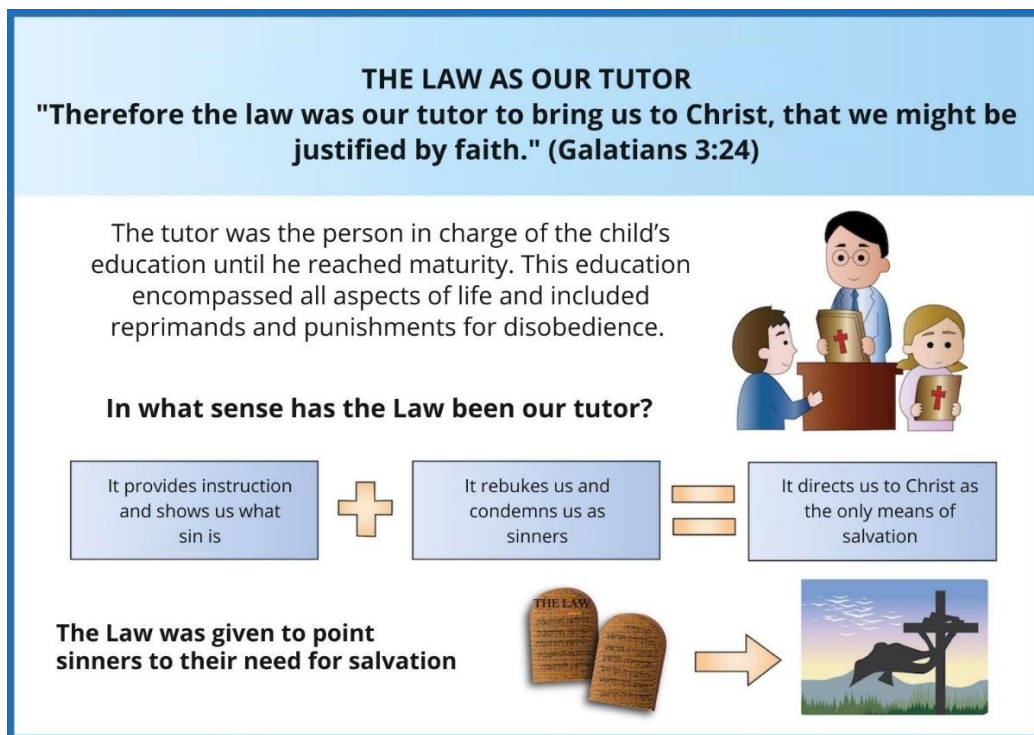
The biblical answer to the question is this: that we might have *the promise of eternal inheritance*.



The passage in Hebrews 9:11-15 talks about how the Old Covenant, which is the Law, makes sin evident and shows how perverse it is before God, who is holy, holy, holy. That is why Paul says that by the Law is the knowledge of sin (read Romans 3:20).

God demands from all human beings the righteousness and holiness contained in His law, but no human being can fulfill it completely. The only one who fulfilled it completely was the Lord Jesus Christ as a man. He never sinned. He was born holy and remained so. Therefore, He was able to pay for our sins and present Himself as a pure, perfect offering before the Father for the redemption and forgiveness of our sins.

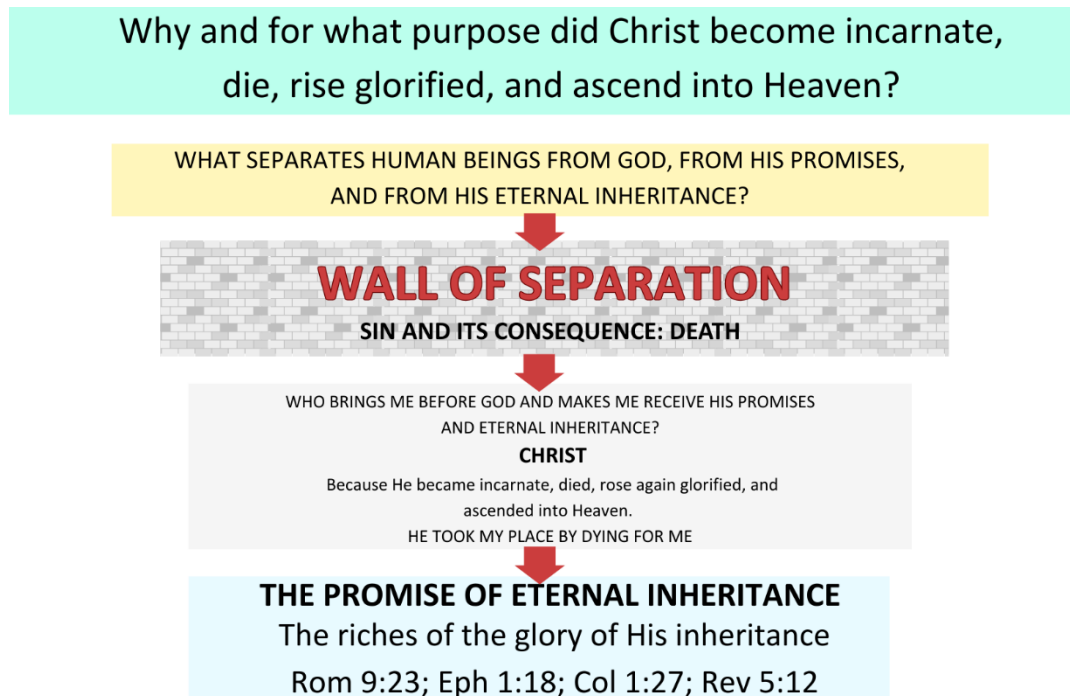
The Law shows us how sinful we are and the gravity of sin. When we understand that we cannot remove sin by ourselves, but that we need to be cleansed of it, the only way is to repent, accept, receive, and believe in Christ as Savior, Lord, and God. In this way, the Law is our guardian or tutor to lead us to Christ (read Galatians 3:24).



The Old Covenant led to the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus Christ, in His death. Hebrews 9:11 says that Jesus is the High Priest of the good things to come; it is important to highlight the word "good things" that we who believe in Him will receive and have obtained eternal redemption through His blood. These good things are part of *the promise of the eternal inheritance* given to Abraham through the covenant that God made with him (we will study these covenants later).

It is necessary to pay special attention to this phrase: it speaks of a promise. To which promise is the author referring? It speaks of an inheritance. To which inheritance is the author referring? And it says that it is eternal. What does the term "eternal" refer to?

What is and what does the eternal inheritance include that is guaranteed in the incarnation, death, resurrection, glorification, and ascension of Christ, through which He obtained eternal redemption for all who believe in Him? We will answer these questions in the following steps of this discipleship. For now, let's examine the following diagram:



Read the following verses, pay attention to the underlined words, and answer the questions:

- Revelation 5:12:

¹² saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,

And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

- What was it taken? Power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing.
- Who took all this? (Read again the verse): the Lamb who was slain.
- What happened to the Lamb, and what event does this refer to? He was slain, and it refers to Christ's sufferings and death.

Jesus is God and never ceased to be so, even in His incarnation as man, as the last Adam; therefore, He never lost His glory, power, praise, or riches. He never lost what belongs to Him as God. Then, it was as a man, as the Lamb, that acquired, gained power (government) and riches by being sacrificed, by suffering and dying; and for this reason, He is worthy of all honor, glory, and praise.

- Romans 9:23:

²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory...

- What did the Lord make known? The riches of His glory.

- Ephesians 1:18:

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what the hope of His calling is, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...

- What does God do with our understanding? He enlightens it.
- The Lord does this for two purposes; write them down:
 - (a) To know the hope of His calling.
 - (b) To know what the riches of the glory of His inheritance are.

- Colossians 1:27:

²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...

- What did the Lord make known? The riches of glory.
- How is Christ named in this verse? The hope of glory.
- Why do you think Paul calls the Lord this way? Because He is the owner of all riches, glory, and inheritance, and He grants them to us.

Christ is our hope of glory! Hallelujah! He will glorify our mortal bodies! He gives us His riches in glory! And He will take us to His Kingdom of Glory! To see His glory!

LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD!

*Heavenly Father, I thank You
for Your eternal promises,
for saving me through the sacrifice of Christ,
My Lord and my King.
I worship and bless You, O God,
for You will glorify my body
so that I may dwell in Your glory,
and rejoice in the riches of Your glory for all eternity.
Father, help me to keep Your eternal promises.
In Jesus' mighty name I pray,
Amen, amen.*

LET'S PRAISE AND WORSHIP TO OUR GOD!

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