

STEP 2

KEY WORDS: CHILDREN OF GOD, GLORY, GLORY, AND ETERNAL INHERITANCE !



How do I reach the glory of God and obtain His inheritance, the riches of His glory?

In step 1, we learned that sin and death caused the separation of human beings from God and from His riches in glory; sin and death separated us from the fountain of life, from the Giver of eternal life, and the Owner of the inheritance. We also learned that only God's children are the ones who have the right to that inheritance and those promises.

At the end of step 1, we saw a significant word in several verses: **GLORY**, and a sentence: **RICHES IN GLORY**. Let's read Romans 3:23:

"²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

- Who sinned? _____
- What is the consequence of this? _____

What terrible news! All human beings are fallen short of the GLORY of God because of sin, for all have sinned, all are born in sin, and all practice sin. No one has ever come into the world without sin—only Jesus Christ, God who incarnated, who was born without blemish and sin.

And by falling from God's glory, we also lost His glorious presence, His riches in glory, and everything He has. Yet God, in His infinite love, wisdom, and grace, determined a way for humanity to be restored—to His GLORY, to His presence, and to the riches of His Kingdom. What is the method? Read Jeremiah 3:19 (HCSB):

¹⁹ I thought: How I long to make you My sons
and give you a desirable land,
the most beautiful inheritance of all the nations.
I thought: You will call Me, my Father,
and never turn away from Me.

In this verse, God tells the prophet how He will give human beings the title of sons (which Adam lost because of sin) to give them the promise of the desirable land that is the New Earth, the New Jerusalem, and the most beautiful inheritance, the riches. The method is to make them children of God, His children, who will call Him "My Father." This was God's plan from the beginning, because He is omniscient and Almighty, and His perfect plan is fulfilled. Contingencies do not move Him, and nothing takes Him by surprise.



**How do human beings become
children of God so that they might
be restored to God's glory and
receive the eternal inheritance?**

To answer this question, read John 1:12-14:

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,
to those who believe in His name:

¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but
of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory
as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- How do we become children of God? _____
- How are they begotten? _____
- How are they NOT begotten? _____
- Who became flesh? (Review also John 1:1, 14, 18) _____

Read now Romans 8:2-3:

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

- What is the law of Christ Jesus called? _____
- From what has Christ made you free? _____
- How was Jesus sent, and why? _____
- And when He came in this way, what did He do? _____

Christ became incarnate in a human being to take sin upon Himself; by dying, He condemned sin, and when He rose again on the third day, He conquered the consequence of sin, which is death. In this way, He removed what had prevented us from having access to God's presence, access to His glory, and the entrance into His Eternal Kingdom of power and glory, to receive eternal life, and all the eternal promises of the Lord. Christ died and rose again so that everyone who repents, believes in Him, and receives Him as Savior, Lord, and God may become a child of God. As children of God, we receive the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who comes to dwell in us. Now read Romans 8:16-18:

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- What does the Holy Spirit do? _____
 - What are we now that we are children of God? _____
 - What will happen if we suffer with Christ? _____
 - Why must we endure the afflictions of the present time? _____
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- What glory is the apostle Paul referring to? (Answer using the verse and the last statement that closes Step 1 of this discipleship): _____
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Read now 1 Thessalonians 2:12:

¹²that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

- Where did the Lord call you? _____
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Let's read 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15 (JUB):

¹⁴unto which he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Therefore, brethren, stand fast and retain the doctrine which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle.

- What did the Lord call you to do? _____
 - How did He call you? _____
 - What does the Lord command us to do? _____
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Those who do not repent of their sins, of their former life, and do not believe in and receive Christ into their hearts, living according to His will, cannot enter into His glory, cannot receive His riches in glory, cannot receive the inheritance or the eternal promises. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10:

⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ These shall be **punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,**

¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

- What happens to those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? (Write down the four consequences that Paul mentions in this passage.):

- What will happen to those who know Christ, believe in Him, and obey His gospel? (Answer using the entire passage): _____

How terrible it is to be excluded from the glory of God's power—from His presence, His Eternal Kingdom, His inheritance, and His eternal promises! Those who will be excluded will be cast into Hell, into the place of eternal torment, the lake of fire. There, everything is cut off: every promise is cut off, there is no inheritance, and the only thing that remains is suffering forever and ever. Now read Revelation 20:12-15:

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Only those who are written in the book of life will be partakers in the Eternal Kingdom of the glory of God, and the only way to be in this book is to repent of all sins, believe in Jesus Christ, receive Him into the heart, and obey the gospel.

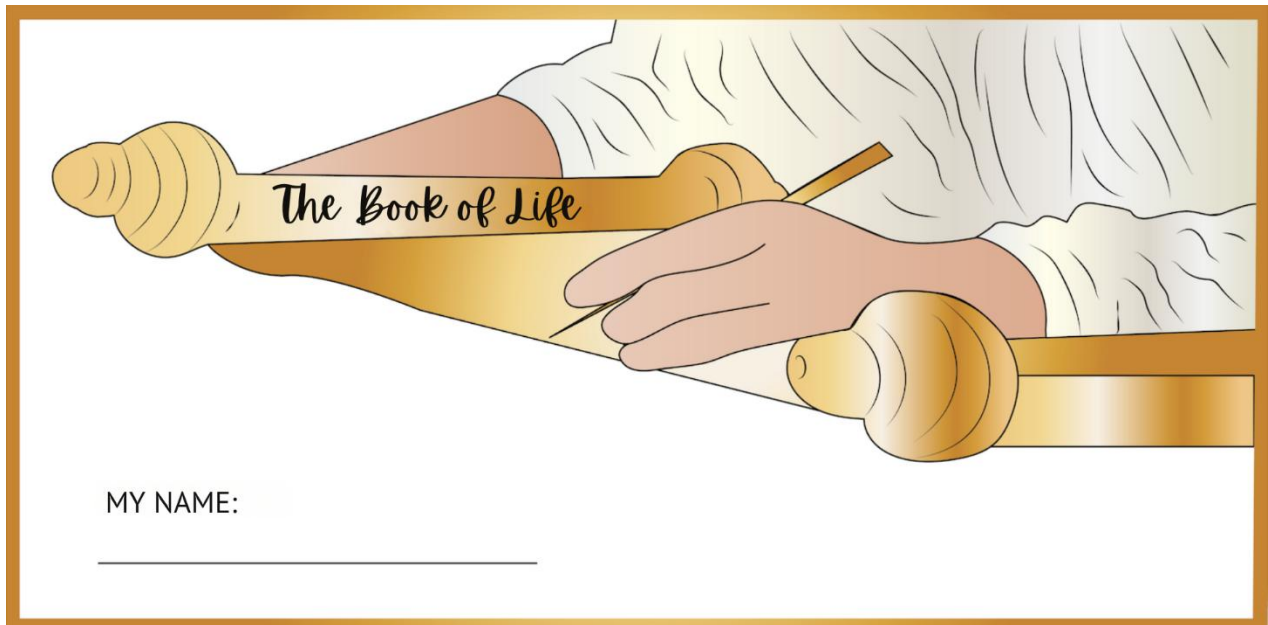
If you have not repented of your sins, of the life you have lived according to your own will, without God's will; if you do not believe that Jesus is the only Savior, the only Lord; if you do not believe that He is God and have not invited Him into your heart, then you are fallen short of the glory of God, you are excluded from the glory of His power, you are not part of the Eternal Kingdom of the Lord, you do not have the entrance into the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem, you do not have eternal inheritance, you do not have eternal promises, because you are not a child of God.

But now you can repent of all your sins, of having lived without God, of having lived according to your own will and not according to the will of God written in His Word, the Bible; you can ask Jesus to come into your heart today and make you a child of God; pray like this:

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Holy Father, God of glory, I am a sinner; I have sinned against heaven and against you. I have not done your will but my own. I have lived in sin and practiced wickedness. I have done the evil before your eyes, God. Forgive me, forgive me. I want to be your child, Holy Father; that is why today I open my heart wide and receive you, Jesus, as my only and sufficient Savior, my only Lord, as my God; and I ask you to write my name in the book of life and never erase it; I want you to restore me to your glory, Lord; I want to enter through the gates of the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem; I want your presence for eternity, your promises, your eternal inheritance, and your riches in glory. Thank You, God, in Jesus' name, AMEN.

If you are already a child of God, write your name in this book.



REJOICE BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD, YOU ARE AN HEIR AND JOINT HEIR WITH CHRIST, YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE GLORY OF GOD, YOU WILL GO TO HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM OF POWER AND GLORY, YOU WILL HAVE ALL THE PROMISES, THE ETERNAL INHERITANCE, YOU WILL NOT GO TO HELL, TO THE LAKE OF FIRE, TO THE ETERNAL TORMENT!

Best of all is that Christ is coming for His Church, the children of God, those who obey the gospel, the saints, those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. The Rapture is at hand! We are about to see the glory of God, to enter into His glory, to go to the New Jerusalem, to receive all His promises! Rejoice!

LET'S PRAY TO OUR GOD!

*Thank You, Lord, for not rejecting me, but loving me.
You loved me so much that You died for me, Lord Jesus.
You took on all my sin and forgave me.
Thank You, Father, for making me Your child.
Thank You for making me an heir and joint heir with Christ.
Thank You, King, for You will take me into Your glory.
I will see Your glory.
I will enter the Eternal Kingdom.
Thank You for the inheritance You have given me, Lord Jesus.
Thank You for Your eternal promises.*

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Thank You! For this reason, I praise you.

I worship You and bless You now and for eternity.

LET'S WORSHIP OUR GOD!

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