

*Living Stones Church*  
*Sermon Notes – April 12, 2009*  
**“Heirs with Christ”**

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*Romans 8:17 – 18 “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory, which shall be revealed in us.”*

One of the greatest doctrines of the Christian faith is the identification of Christ with His people in all the key events of His work of salvation. For example, in Gal. 2:20 we are considered by God as dying with Him since He died for us. As Paul said, *“I am crucified with Christ, never the less I live.”* Furthermore, when Christ was buried, we were in effect buried also. According to Romans 6:4: *“we were buried with Him by baptism into death.”* Then we are also resurrected with Christ. In Colossians 2:12 we read *“Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”*

But that is only the beginning of our great salvation. Christ then ascended to heaven, sat down at the right hand of the Father, and we are there with Him! Look at Eph 2:4-6: *“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”*

This is not the end yet, for we are joint-heirs with Christ. As the scripture says in Hebrews 1:2, He has been *“Appointed heir of all things”* and we share in His inheritance! **Wow!** Think of that we share as joint heirs with Christ in His inheritance! Let’s see what Timothy said in his 2nd epistle (2:11-12), *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.”*

As we approach this Easter season, remember we are identified with Christ in His suffering, His death, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension, and then in His eternal reign! This is our position by faith; when He returns, it will become actuality, *“and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”* *May the power of His resurrection become real in your life today!*