

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: What is a "Testator?"**

**What is a "Testator?", on: 2016/5/9 10:18**

A Testator is one who makes a valid will before their death. A testament must have a Testator.

For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. (Heb 9:16)

The New Testament, is ratified and confirmed by the death of Christ.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: th is do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Cor 11:25)

A Testator, by making his last will and Testament, usually disannuls any will made before.

Jesus Christ disannulled the law of the old covenant, by His establishing the New.

"For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereofâ€ ( Heb 7:18)

He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second (Heb 10:9)

**Why make a will and testament? , on: 2016/5/9 10:55**

A Testator usually makes a will and Testament because they have goods to bestow, and relations or friends to give the m to.

Christ is our "treasure".

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." (2 Cor 4:7 )

He calls us His friends IF:

"Ye are my friends, IF ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:4)

**Re: Why make a will and testament? - posted by savannah, on: 2016/5/9 11:44**

We have an inheritance in His will;

Eph.1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heav enly places in Christ: 4According as he hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5Having predestinated us to the adoption of children to himself by Jesus Christ, ac cording to the good pleasure of his will, 6To the praise of the glory of his grace, in which he hath made us accepted in th e beloved: 7In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace ; 8In which he hath abounded towards us in all wisdom and prudence; 9Having made known to us the mystery of his will , according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10That in the dispensation of the fullness of times h e might collect in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the c ounsel of his own will: 12That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13In whom ye also trust ed, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with tha t holy Spirit of promise, 14Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to th e praise of his glory.

**Re: What is a "Testator?" - posted by rufnrust (), on: 2016/5/9 11:46**

Amen. He established the second and then rose from the dead to see that we receive our inheritance!

Russell

**Re: The Testator decides who will receive the inheritance, on: 2016/5/9 12:17**

A Testator, establishes the persons in His will, to whom He bequeaths or gives His inheritance to. Since Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He now shares His inheritance with those who meet the conditions.

Jesus Christ as Testator hath set down in His Covenant, who the persons are to whom He has bequeathed the blessings of the covenant, both grace and glory, all that are His sheep, all that the Father hath given Him, all that are regenerated, who TRULY REPENT and believe in Him, and KEEP His word.

"And I GIVE unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28)

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." (John 14:23-24)

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36)

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I GIVE UNTO YOU: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)  
and Hebrews 5:9

**Others called to witness the Testament, on: 2016/5/11 0:26**

In order for a Testator to make his last will and Testament authentic, others are called to witness the Testament.

Sufficient witness and testimony was made by 1) the Father, 2) Jesus' miracles, 3) John the Baptist, 4) the Scriptures and 5) the Lord's apostles

And we are witnesses of all things which he did; Acts 10:39 and John 5:32, 36-37.

**Re: Others called to witness the Testament - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/5/11 8:20**

I love wills.

Crazy but that area of law is my favorite. Was in law school, too. And this theme and NT doctrine with OT roots is what holds the whole thing together. I have not commented on the thread but I love your discussion.

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2016/5/11 8:54**

The death of our Lord Jesus Christ serves as the atonement for the forgiveness of sins. It is through which he bought eternal life that everyone whom he elects or names, upon satisfying the conditions, of his will and testament shall receive the new birth, indwelling of the Holy Spirit, escape eternal damnation, inherit eternal life and the kingdom of God.

Gone is the curse of death, gone is the curse and bondage of sin, gone is the requirement for the perfect observance of the law, gone is the shedding of the animal blood and other atonement ceremonies for the pardon of sin and acceptance of God to those who will follow the conditions of the gospel.

However, it does not invalidate holy living, it does not embrace nor promote sin, nor despise the covenants, promises, prophecies, and commandments of God

**Re: , on: 2016/5/11 9:23**

So are we governed by Sinai or Calvary? Are we governed by the words of Moses on Sinai or by the words of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount? Are we governed by the Law or the Spirit?

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2016/5/11 10:06**

The issue that divides the laws of mount Sinai and the Sermon on the mount is resolved by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us and reveals to us what is pleasing to God through the illumination of the written word of God.

We have to read the bible and as Romans 12:1-2 says "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

We do not cease to be moralistic but our morals is not anthropocentric, culture centered, science centered, politics centered, nor is beholden to the structures of religion or religious movements, but based in the love and fear of the Lord, character of God, and the abiding principles in the bible.

**"we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins", on: 2016/5/11 12:43**

The first condition of a Will is that the "testator" must be dead. "For where a testament is there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is only in effect after death: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth" (Heb. 9:16-17). So the remedy and the promises of the New Covenant are based on the death of the "testator." Therefore, "without the shedding of the blood" (the death of Jesus Christ), there is no remission for sins" (Heb. 9:22). The second condition of this Will is that it must be received by the legal heir, or family member. Only a born-again child of God qualifies as the recipient.

Everyone knows that when a family member dies, he leaves his nearest of kin an inheritance, but the inheritance is only received after the reading of the dead person's Will. We Christians have an inheritance from Jesus, our older brother. But, as we all know, He had to die before the Will could be effective. And we, the recipients, had to receive the promise of the inheritance by faith.

The New Covenant, or the BLOOD covenant of Christ, is His "Last Will and Testament." Through His death, all who receive Him are promised the legal right to inherit all that He is. Actually Romans 8:17 says, "...if children of God, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with him, that we may be also glorified together."

"Ye are dead," writes Paul in Colossians, "and your life is hid with Christ in God." How did man die, too? It was not for Himself that the Son of Man went through the Cross, to the grave, and then to the throne in His glorious resurrection. It was for all of mankind. Christ was our substitute. What happened to Christ happened to all mankind: "God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (II Cor. 5:19). It potentially happened to all of mankind, but is only actualized when it is entered into by faith. When we accept this co-crucifixion with Christ, it is the job of the Holy Spirit to make freedom and victory the supreme fact of our lives, as well as an unshakable reality in our experience.

Let us look at what we as Christians have inherited through this blood covenant. The Bible proclaims that: "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7); we have peace with God "through the blood of his Cross" (Col. 1:20); "we are elect through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:2); we are redeemed by "the precious blood of Christ" (I Pet. 1:19); we are cleansed daily by "the blood of Jesus Christ" (I John 1:7); we are "washed from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5); and we overcome Satan by the blood of the lamb (Rev. 12:11).

Now we sing a new song unto our God: "For thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God, kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 5:9-10).

**Re: "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins", on: 2016/5/11 12:49**

Amen, tuc.

We have inherited all spiritual blessings in heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

**Re: , on: 2016/5/11 13:28**

Brethren you're sounding too theological on this. Talk to one another from the heart. What does this have to do with our practical walk with Christ.

Let's put away the high theological language. And talk to one another in a practical walk with Jesus.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/5/11 16:24**

I am redeemed, Bearmaster.

I am bought.

I am owned.

I have an inheritance. I have all of the riches of Christ either in my body through the indwelling Spirit or not yet in hand but assured to me through the promise of His own Word.

My inheritance is too good for me. I am not ready for it. But God gives grace. He is making me ready to receive it. He is making me like His Son who died for me.

**Re: Tim, on: 2016/5/11 16:26**

Amen and Amen!!!

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2016/5/11 22:06**

This thread has encouraged me so much. After a long time I see a thread from SI really encouraging me.

I feel the real inheritance that we have in Jesus is what He (Jesus) had during his stay on the earth. We can only inherit a property that the person owned during his stay on earth. So I believe it is Life.

John 1:4:- In him was LIFE and the LIFE was light of all men.

So we inherit this LIFE from Jesus.

**Re: The Holy Spirit as "Executor" fulfills the Testament of Jesus, on: 2016/5/12 7:56**

A Testator amongst men, commits his last will and Testament to men to be fulfilled. Men, previously define who the executor of the estate will be and this Executor carries out the desires of the Testator. Conditions can be set by the Testator for those who are appointed to receive the will.

Christ, our spiritual Testator, surrogates the Holy Spirit as His Executor, in His physical absence, and after His death, to see that His will is executed in ALL points, and to give real and actual possession of all His covenant-blessings, unto all men, but only those men and women, who fulfill His conditions.

Part of the Lord's will is the promise of the Holy Spirit to indwell us and carry out His will.

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:17-18)

**A Testator signs his own Will and Testament, on: 2016/5/12 15:44**

To complete, perfect, and confirm his last will, the Testator will sign and seal it himself; In eastern customs, it was customary to sign with one's own blood. The book of Hebrews shows us the 1st Testament was signed/dedicated by blood and that explains why it is called the blood of the testament.

"For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you." (Heb 9:17-18,20)

Jesus Christ ratified and confirmed His last will and Testament, the New Testament with His own blood:

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." (Dan 9:27)

"For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the Testator" (Hebrews 9:16)

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt 26:28)

"This cup is the new testament in my blood" (1 Cor 11:25)

"For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." (Heb 9:17)

**Re: The Testator's testament is unalterable. Promises kept in OT and will be kept, on: 2016/5/12 22:46**

Jesus Christ (the Testator) makes his last will and Testament unalterable by any other, or by himself; as others must not, so he will not.

"I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come" (Rev 2:24-25)

We know that God fulfilled all of His promises to Abraham and so He can be trusted to fulfill all of His promises in the New Covenant. He will not alter it.

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips" (Psa 89:34)

Let's check this out for accuracy:

God promises the land:

"Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' God first made this promise as recorded in Genesis 12:7, it is later repeated in chapter 15:18. This Promised Land was 'from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates.'"

The Lord kept His promise and gave all the land which he swore, to Israel and they possessed it. Promise completed!

Josh 21:43 And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land WHICH HE SWORE to give unto their fathers; AND THEY POSSESSED IT AND DWELT THEREIN.

The Lord also kept His promise and gave them rest from all of their enemies.

Josh 21:44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, ACCORDING TO ALL THAT HE SWORE UNTO THEIR FATHERS: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

Everything that God promised, He fulfilled.

Josh 21:45 THERE FAILED NOT OUGHT OF ANY GOOD THING WHICH THE LORD HAD SPOKEN UNTO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; \*\*ALL CAME TO PASS\*\*.

**Re: The "Testator" had to die in order to leave an "eternal inheritanc, on: 2016/5/13 14:29**

By Jesus dying, He opens a way for those who receive His testament to come into the possession of the inheritance that He has left them. By dying, Christ gave legacies to thousands upon thousands of sinners. He left His legacy to be executed by the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, the legacy of Jesus Christ could not be executed. If Jesus had not died, there had been no room nor access to them that are called, to receive the eternal inheritance.

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Christ, the spiritual Testator, gave away all that He had including His life, yet no man took it from Him, He gave it willingly and hath power to take it up again. He now gives possession of Himself as man's eternal inheritance. To all those who believe unto the salvation of their souls they become co-heirs of His kingdom and glory. He possesses us and we possess Him in the bonds of love.

"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." (John 14:20)

Jesus Christ is the "Resurrection and the Life". If you possess Him, you possess eternal life.

**Re: What has the Testator bequeathed to those who receive Him? , on: 2016/5/14 0:14**

Jesus bequeathed His followers things of a very high and sublime nature. He did not own lands, or houses or goods in which to bequeath to His Church. He only owned the garment on his back, which in the end was also taken from Him.

The Apostles, deacons and early church members did not receive any land, houses or earthly goods from Jesus' last will and testament. Jesus indicated strongly to Peter that His "kingdom was not of this world".

However, they did receive eternal things that pertain to this life and the life to come. As all things are given to Christ the Mediator, so all that He is or hath, He parts with freely to those who receive Him:

- 1) the promise of the Spirit (Joel 2:28)
- 2) adoption as sons (Gal 4:5)
- 3) forgiveness of sins (Col 1:4)
- 4) peace with God (Rom 5:1)
- 5) a pure heart (2 Tim 2:22)
- 6) comfort (2 Cor 1:3)
- 7) eternal life (Tit 3:7)
- 8) much, much more

In a word, Himself! His divine nature which provides us all things that pertain to the life that now is, and to that which is to come: "all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's," 1 Corinthians 3:22-23.

Jesus, the Testator left us precious promises which are all found/realized IN HIM.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Pet 1:4)

Before He ascended He told His disciples that He is going to prepare a place for them and that when He comes back, He will receive them to Himself that where He is, they will be also.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

(John 14:2-3)

He is coming back to take us home.