

“For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.”

Galatians 3:18 (ESV)

In our small group Bible study, we have been exploring Paul’s letter to the Galatians. In chapter 3, Paul teaches the doctrine of justification by faith alone, through grace alone, in Christ alone. He highlights Abraham as an example of someone justified by faith, noting that Abraham believed God’s promises to him, and “it was counted to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6). All of God’s promises ultimately find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the true descendant of Abraham (Galatians 3:16). These promises are also described as an *inheritance*—something God gives freely to all who, like Abraham, believe.

God offers this inheritance, which is not an earthly one. We cannot measure it in money, land, or possessions. Instead, we find God’s inheritance in a personal and perfect union with Jesus Christ Himself. It remains holy, imperishable, and eternal—never temporary, fading, or vulnerable to loss. It is reserved for God’s children, held secure by God’s own power, and cannot be taken away or diminished.

Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

“In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...”

1 Peter 1:3–4 (ESV)

“...He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...”

Hebrews 9:15 (ESV)

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance...”

When Jesus returns, we will receive the fullness of this inheritance. Until then, we live by faith in the promises He has already made. And unlike earthly inheritances that must be divided among heirs, God is able to give His entire inheritance—His Son, His kingdom, and His glory—to each of His children in full.

Do you long for this inheritance? Make it a goal this new year to love Jesus more.

Dr. Rick Hess, Director
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Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm ET

Agenda

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday except when the meeting date falls on a holiday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, January 18, 2026** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Director Emeritus

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