### **ALL THINGS and YOUR INHERITANCE**

Comments & Prayer on the Assassination of Charlie Kirk

Acts 4:29–31 (ESV) And **now**, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with **all boldness**, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to **heal**, and **signs and wonders** are performed **through the name** of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

<u>1 Thessalonians 4:13</u> (NIV84) Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

<u>Luke 6:27–28</u> (ESV) But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

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(I through IV are introductory) GO TO Roman Numeral V

# I. The "Spirit of LIFE" Frees & Empowers Us

REALITY — No Condemnation REASON — In Christ

RESULT — Fulfillment of righteous intent of the Law

Romans 8 (ESV)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is *therefore* now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the law of the **Spirit Of life** has set you free in Christ Jesus <u>from</u> the law of sin and death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For **God** has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be <u>fulfilled</u> in us, who walk not according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**.

# II. Spirit CHANGES our NATURE & Empowers US for Victory (5-13)

A New Existence — God Kind of Life (Resurrection Life is Working inside You)

<sup>5</sup> For those who **live (exist)** according to the flesh **set their minds\*** on the things of the flesh, but those who **live according to the Spirit** set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, **are not (do not exist)** in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if in fact the Spirit of God **dwells (at home)** in you. Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him.

<sup>11</sup> If **the Spirit** of him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life** to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who **dwells in you**.

# III. FULL ACCESS to Inheritance of Glory

A. SPIRIT of Adoption (14-16)

GUIDES; ACCESS TO ABBA; ASSURES (bears witness)

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

<sup>16</sup> The **Spirit himself** bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**,

## B. Inheritance of Glory (17-21)

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and *fellow heirs* with Christ, *provided* we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

OF GOD; JOINT-HEIRS; CO-SUFFERING & CO-GLORIFICATION

### **NOTHING COMPARES**

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worth comparing** with the glory that is **to be revealed to (INTO) us**.

<sup>19</sup> For the creation *waits with eager longing* for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, **in hope** <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself *will be set free* from *(out of)* its bondage to corruption and obtain *(into) the freedom* of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> For all who are *led by* the Spirit of God are sons of God.

### IV. Guarantee and Intercessor (22-27 & Eph 1:13-14)

### A SYMPHONY OF GROANING

<sup>22</sup> For **we know** that the whole creation has been **groaning together** in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly** as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

### **DIVINE INTERCESSION WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For **we do not know** what to pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words**. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes** for the saints according to the will of God.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard ... and believed... were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, <sup>14</sup> who is **the guarantee\* of our inheritance** ....

\* pledge, down payment

# V. The Sum of All Promises— Changes Everything

Encapsulates all the other promises from Genesis to Revelation.

<u>Romans 8:28</u> (ESV) And **we know** that for those who love God all things work together **for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose.

(NASB95) And we know that God causes all things to work together ...

(HCSB)

We know that *all things* work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.

**ALL THINGS** 

Charles Spurgeon:

Everything that happens to you is for your own good. If waves roll against you, it only speeds your ship toward the port. If lightning and thunder comes, it clears the atmosphere and promotes your soul's health. You gain by loss, you grow healthy in sickness, you live by dying, and you are made rich in losses.

Could you ask for a better promise? It is better that all things should work for my good than all things should be as I would wish to have them. All things might work for my pleasure and yet might work for my ruin. If all things do not always please me, they will alway benefit me.

This is the best promise of this life.

### A. Best Promise in a Broken World for those Who Love God

Bad things happen!

The world is full of catastrophes and calamities, but our futures are stories of hope indelibly written by grace.

Our God turns problems inside out. He designs blessings out of blunders. He wrestles gladness out of sadness.

It's a promise with your name on it. So broad that nothing is excluded.

IF you LOVE God and are PURSUING the CALL of His PURPOSE.

Challenges to HOPE come in all shapes, sizes, and levels of intensity. Some jolt us awake at 2 AM.

Speeding tickets. Cancer scares. High blood pressure. Car payments. Car wrecks. Gas prices. Foreclosures. Prodigal children. Death of a pet. Death of a child. Chronic pain. Addiction. Mental illness. Broken arms. Broken marriages. Broken hearts.

Some are minor. Some are earth-shaking and mind-numbing. Sometimes there is news we never want to hear. Murder of a daughter. Or of a young father.

Does Romans 8:28 always work? Is it always true? Can we trust it and live in its light?

All-inclusive, all powerful, and always available.

It is as omnipotent as God who breathed it into Scripture.

It is as loving as the Savior who died to unleash it.

It can do anything God can do.

It can touch any hurt and redeem any situation.

It is not a platitude, but a great and precious divine promise.

It is not a goal, but a guarantee.

It's not wishful tinking but a shaft of almighty providence that lands squarely on our pathway each day and every moment.

He moves heaven and earth to keep his promise.

He is involved in the smallest detail to work them into a tapestry of blessing, making sure that goodness and mercy run after us all the days of our lives.

(TPT) So we are convinced that **every detail** of our lives is **continually woven together** to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been **called to fulfill his designed purpose**.

### B. A Great and Precious Promise

### 2 Peter 1:2-4 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us *all things* that pertain to life and godliness, through the *knowledge* of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his *precious* and *very great promises*, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

He endured Cross on Good Friday to GIVE us Resurrection Sunday!

We can live as CHILDREN OF GOD. He gives PEACE in the MIDST of PROBLEMS and PAIN. In the PROCESS He brings TESTIMONIES out of TRAGEDY.

### C. We Know —

<u>Job 19:25</u> (ESV) For I <u>know</u> that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!

<u>1 John 5:13</u> (ESV) I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may *know* that you have eternal life.

<u>1 John 3:2</u> (ESV) Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we <u>know</u> that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

<u>1 John 3:5</u> (ESV) You <u>know</u> that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

John 8:32 (ESV) and you will **know** the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 9:25 (ESV) ...One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

#### HOPE IS A CONFIDENT EXPECTATION... A CERTAINTY

Michael Faraday (1791-1867) Many experiments with electrochemistry (electrolysis) and electromagnetism. 1st to produce electrical current from a magnetic field. Electric motor and generator. Many discoveries and speculations regarding space and magnetism. On his deathbed in August 1867, journalists were eager to elicit one more story. One asked him, "What are your speculations?"

"Speculations?" he answered indignantly, "I have none. I am <u>resting on certainties</u>. I **know**Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed\* unto Him against that Day."

<u>2 Timothy 1:12</u> (NKJV) For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I **know** whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed\* to Him until that Day. (ESV, NIV, etc. "what He has entrusted to me")

\*(Gk) — my deposit (either/or? both/and?)

### D. ALL things

We are never outside of its range. It's influence is present in every event of our experience.

It's perpetual. Constantly available. Covers every contingency. No expiration date. No fine print exclusions.

Horrible things happen... We walk through Valleys of Weeping.... Our tears become springs and pools of HOPE...

# E. Work Together for Good — Synergy

Cooperation of two or more agents or substances to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.

F. For those Who love God, for those called by his purpose.

Universally available to everyone

Not merely *for* everyone.

# VI. The Full Inheritance

<sup>29</sup> For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be **conformed** to the **image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified **he also glorified.** 

# VIII. Holy Spirit

Clothe us with POWER of RESURRECTION LIFE, Lead and Guide us into all Truth Wind, Fire, Living Water, Oil

Romans 15:13 (NIV84) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> What then shall we say **to** these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him *graciously give us all things*?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.