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Spiritual maturity
ephesians 1:15-19

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, **what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints**, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe according to the working of His mighty power.

What is HIS inheritance for us?

1. Children of God

john 1:12-13

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.

ezekiel 36:26-28

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. ²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

2. Keys of the Kingdom

matthew 16:16-19

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

3. The nations

psalm 2:7-8

⁷ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and **I will give You The nations for Your inheritance**, And the ends of the earth for Your possession."

What hinders us?

1. Pride (lack of humility and transparency).
2. Fear/doubt/unbelief (lack of faith and love).
3. Disobedience (lack of willingness).
4. Apathy/passivity (lack of desire/passion).

Our ultimate inheritance

philippians 3:7-9

⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;