

Date: 12 May 2024 | **Speaker:** Elder Lee Ee Yang | **Topic:** Our Glorious Inheritance | **Scripture:** Various

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. **Live in the Freedom of Christ:** Embrace the practical implications of redemption, breaking free from sin and fear through Christ's sacrifice.
2. **Deepen Their Relationship with the Holy Spirit:** Cultivate a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit to experience more of the spiritual inheritance in Christ and actively seek His guidance and empowerment.

SERMON SUMMARY

Elder Ee Yang's sermon, "Our Glorious Inheritance," delves into believers' spiritual treasures in Christ.

- Grounded in [Ephesians 1:11](#) and [1 Peter 1:4](#), he details divine blessings: chosen, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, and sealed by God.
- Emphasizes believers' freedom in Christ from sin and fear, as depicted in [Ephesians 1:7](#) and [Hebrews 2:14-15](#).
- Highlights the Holy Spirit's role as a seal and deposit, ensuring believers' security and eventual full inheritance ([Ephesians 1:13-14](#), [2 Corinthians 3:18](#)).
- Eld. Ee Yang's relatable anecdotes, urging believers to embrace their inheritance, resonate deeply.
- Reflecting on this inheritance, believers are called to respond with faith-filled obedience, claiming and living out their spiritual blessings with boldness, anticipating fresh encounters with the Holy Spirit.

SERMON RECAP

Our Glorious Inheritance" sermon by Elder Ee Yang intricately explores the spiritual riches believers inherit through Christ, combining insights from Ephesians, Romans, and other biblical passages. Rooted in [Ephesians 1:11](#) and [1 Peter 1:4](#), Ee Yang meticulously details **the divine blessings believers receive**, such as being chosen, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, and sealed by God Himself, as outlined in [Ephesians 3:3-4](#) and [Galatians 4:4-7](#).

Moreover, Ee Yang delves into **the profound freedom believers experience in Christ**, emphasizing liberation from sin and fear as depicted in [Ephesians 1:7](#) and [Hebrews 2:14-15](#). This liberation, not merely transactional but transformative, reshapes believers' lives fundamentally.

Central to this inheritance is the Holy Spirit, symbolized as a seal and deposit, guaranteeing believers' security and eventual full realization of their inheritance, as highlighted in [Ephesians 1:13-14](#). The Spirit's presence enables believers to glimpse their future glory and gradually transform into the likeness of Christ, as depicted in [2 Corinthians 3:18](#).

Beyond mere theological discourse, Ee Yang's message resonates with the congregation on a deeply personal level. His relatable anecdotes, such as struggles with self-centeredness and breakthroughs in marriage, serve as tangible examples of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in individual lives. By urging RiverLifers to contend for their inheritance, particularly in the realm of freedom in Christ, Ee Yang inspires a renewed sense of purpose and anticipation for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit. He emphasizes the importance of actively claiming and living out our spiritual inheritance, encouraging believers to trust in God's promises and rely on the Holy Spirit's empowering presence.

This sermon calls for a faith-filled response, urging the congregation to **embrace our divine blessings with boldness and conviction**. Ultimately, Ee Yang envisions a community transformed by understanding and living out our glorious inheritance, fostering deeper unity and spiritual growth among all members.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one blessing or freedom you're grateful for today?

Leader's Notes

- a. **Personal Reflection:** Encourage members to take a moment to reflect on their lives and identify a specific blessing or aspect of freedom they have experienced recently.

Examples:

- A newfound sense of peace in a previously stressful situation.
- A recent answer to prayer or a specific instance of God's provision.
- Overcoming a personal struggle or breaking free from a negative habit.

- b. **Sharing Real-Life Examples:** Prompt members to share personal stories that illustrate their gratitude.

Examples:

- Someone might share how they've felt God's love and acceptance during a challenging time.
- Another might talk about a recent experience where they felt liberated from fear or anxiety through faith.
- Someone could share about a significant decision guided by the Holy Spirit that led to a positive outcome.

- c. **Encouragement and Affirmation:** Affirm each member's sharing and encourage the group to celebrate these blessings together.

Transition

Now that we've explored the empowering aspects of our spiritual inheritance, let's delve deeper into how we practically live out the freedom Christ has secured for us.

2. What does it mean practically to live in the freedom that Christ has secured for us?

Leader's Notes

- a. **Understanding Redemption:** Discuss the practical implications of redemption through Christ's sacrifice ([Ephesians 1:7](#), [Hebrews 2:14-15](#)). How does this freedom from sin and fear manifest in our daily lives?
- b. **Living without Bondage:** Encourage members to share personal experiences or insights on breaking free from the bondage of sin or fear. How can we support one another in walking in this freedom?
- c. **Embracing Identity:** Explore how knowing our identity as heirs of God impacts our choices and behaviours. How does understanding our inheritance in Christ influence our perspectives and actions?
- d. **Cultivating a Culture of Freedom:** Brainstorm practical ways to foster a culture of freedom within the church community. How can we create environments where individuals feel safe to share struggles and victories, knowing they are accepted and supported?

Transition

Now that we've explored living in the freedom Christ has secured for us, let's shift our focus to cultivating a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit to experience more of our spiritual inheritance.

3. How can we cultivate a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit to experience more of our spiritual inheritance?

Leader's Notes

- a. **Understanding the Role of the Holy Spirit:** Begin by discussing the significance of the Holy Spirit as the seal and deposit of our inheritance ([Ephesians 1:13-14](#)). What role does the Holy Spirit play in guiding, empowering, and transforming our lives?
- b. **Practices for Spiritual Growth:** Share practical disciplines or habits that can deepen our connection with the Holy Spirit. How can we prioritize prayer, meditation on Scripture, worship, and fellowship to cultivate intimacy with God?

Discussion Questions

- c. **Sensitivity to the Spirit's Leading:** Reflect on instances where the Holy Spirit has spoken or led in personal or communal settings. How can we develop greater sensitivity to the Spirit's promptings and discern His voice amidst the noise of life?
- d. **Accountability and Encouragement:** Discuss the importance of accountability and encouragement within the community for nurturing spiritual growth. How can we support one another in pursuing a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, holding each other accountable and offering encouragement along the journey?

Closing

As we conclude our discussion, let's remember that cultivating a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit is essential for experiencing the fullness of our spiritual inheritance. By understanding His role ([Ephesians 1:13-14](#)), practicing spiritual disciplines, staying sensitive to His leading, and fostering a community of accountability and encouragement, we can journey together towards a deeper intimacy with God. Let's commit to applying these insights in our lives, trusting that as we draw near to the Holy Spirit, He will draw near to us, revealing more of our glorious inheritance in Christ.

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- Gratitude for Freedom: Let's thank God for the freedom in Christ, redeemed from sin and fear ([Ephesians 1:7](#), [Hebrews 2:14-15](#)).
- Deeper Connection with the Spirit: Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal our inheritance and guide us ([Ephesians 1:13-14](#)).
- Community Growth: Pray for each other's faith and supportive community ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#)).

2. RiverLife

- Pray for our church, that as we emerge from a season of prayer and fasting, that God will align all of our hearts and do what He needs to do so that we can live in a new normal that glorifies Him.

3. World

- Continue to pray for the various nations that are at war:
 - a. Russia and Ukraine
 - b. Myanmar (Civil War) – Pray for the situation where military service was made compulsory for man and woman between the ages of 18 and 35.
 - c. Israel & Hamas – Pray for the truce talks between Israel and Palestine in Cairo, that a peaceful resolution can be reached.
- Continue to pray for countries that have an escalated conflict situation:
 - a. Japan, China and the Philippines in the South China Sea
 - b. North & South Korea
- Continue to pray for countries recovering from recent natural disasters:
 - a. Taiwan (Earthquake)
 - b. Indonesia (Volcanic Eruption)
 - c. South East Asia – Heatwave across various countries
 - d. Canada (Wildfire)
- Pray for Singapore
 - a. Pray for a smooth transition from PM Lee to incoming PM Lawrence Wong
 - b. Pray for a stability in the cost of living in Singapore
- Other Global Issues
 - a. Continue to pray for the medical strike in South Korea
 - b. Pray for the situation in various parts of Indonesia where 58 people are killed by cold lava and flash floods.

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to bless us as we step out to reach a pre-believer.
- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

- 1. Water Baptism Class.** Sat, 8 Jun, 9am to 3.30pm, Conference Room (Level 2). If you desire to take the step of faith to be water-baptised, do join our baptism class to understand the significance and importance of baptism.
 - Class Registration: rlc.sg/baptism-class (Closing Date: Sun, 2 Jun).
 - Enquiries: karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg (Karen Koh).

Note

- Participants will have a one-hour lunch break at own expense.
 - Our upcoming Water Baptism Service will be held on Sun, 28 Jul at 2pm.
- 2. MegaLife: Service with Parents.** Sat, 25 May, 1pm-4pm. Worship Centre. If you have child attending MegaLife, come and be a part of your child's journey in realising their identity as a son & daughter of God through various segments during the service.
 - 1-2pm: Parents Session
 - 2-2.30pm: Coffee Break
 - 2.30-4pm: MegaLife Service

Registration: rlc.sg/25mayml

- 3. RCS Family Movie Date 2024.** As of 8 May, \$26,590 of our \$100,000 faith goal for RCS Movie Date 2024 has been raised! You can play your part in extending God's love into the community through RCS. Your giving ensures continuity in our initiatives to help and support beneficiaries and families in need. For every \$100 donated between 28 Apr to 26 May, donors will receive two complimentary movie tickets* as a token of our gratitude.

**Movie tickets have an open date and are valid at Golden Village cinemas until 31 May 2025. For more information: rlc.sg/rcsmovie24*

- 4. RiverLife Missions.** Mission trip schedule for 2024 is out now on our Missions website! Discover how you can sow into the nations this year: rlc.sg/missions
- 5. RiverLife Kindergarten Open House & Exhibition 2024.** Sat, 18 May 10am-12pm RiverLife Church. You're invited to view the artworks of our students and find out more about RiverLife Kindergarten.
- 6. Found: A Journey in Sonship (New Sermon Series). 14 Apr-26 May.** As disciples of Christ, God calls us His sons and daughters – loved, accepted, and provided for. We sometimes wander from the presence of our Father, choosing to live apart from Him. As we process what God has spoken to us during our recent season of prayer & fasting, we want to respond by returning to the Father's love once again.

Restoring The Foundations (RTF)

- The RTF ministry in RiverLife undergirds the prayer ministry of our church.
 - Its approach for healing and restoration aims to help the receiver walk out his/her freedom and restoration through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and in partnership with the Holy Spirit. More information can be found at www.RestoringTheFoundations.org.
 - Sign up for Ministry: rlc.sg/rtf
- 7. Sustaining the Fire.** As our 21-day season of prayer & fasting comes to a close, we thank God for reviving us individually and collectively. It is needful for us to go on walking closely with the Lord and be faithful stewards of the

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work that has been done in us. We can continue this journey by spending time with God daily using this recommended 21-day devotional:

- 21 Days to Overflow takes readers on a 3-week journey of emptying themselves of self, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and living out an overflowing spirit-filled life. 21-Day Devotional: [YouVersion Bible App](#) | [PDF](#)

Our Revive Us, Lord website has been updated with resources to help you grow in these four aspects – spiritually, relationally, physically & missionally.

For more information: rlc.sg/21days

8. Family Life Portal.

- Our Family Life ministry strengthens relationships within the family so that they are reflective of who God is – married couples loving and serving each other, parents discipling their children in the ways of God, grandparents inspiring the generations by their faith and actions, and the singles living secure and fruitful lives for God’s kingdom! RiverLife’s Family Life portal is an online platform that contains this year’s calendar of Family Life initiatives as well as a wide range of resources for various life stages.
- Access the portal: rlc.sg/familylife or www.riverlife.org.sg (Under the “Resources” tab)

- YA Gatherings (For Young Adults in their 20s). First Saturday Every Month, 5pm-8.30pm Victory Chapel (Level 1).**
The YA Gathering is a space where young adults can get together to connect and build community. This gathering is made up of two components – Community Conversations & Communal Dinner – both with a focus on relationship building and life conversations. If you are interested in joining the gatherings and would like to find out more, connect with us on our Telegram Channel: [rlc.sg/ya](https://t.me/rlc.sg/ya).

Gathering Dates: 1 Jun, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov

YA Camp: 5-7 Jul

Christmas Outreach: 14 Dec

- RiverLife Prayer Meetings.**

- *RLC Prayer Room.* Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: rlc.sg/rpr-watch)
- *Revive Nights.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: rlc.sg/revivenights)

We encourage you to set aside every Wednesday for a time of fasting.

- Quarterly Calendar for Key English Adult Congregation Events**

**Some dates are tentative and subjected to change. Stay updated via our digital bulletin and our social media channels for the latest information.*

Quarter 2	Quarter 3
<p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 May – YA Gathering • 11 May – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 17 to 18 May – Leaders Advance (Non-Stay In) • 30 May to 01 Jun – SuperLife Camp <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2, 23, 30 Jun – Marriage Preparation Course #2 • 08 Jun – Caleb Ministry Gathering, Water Baptism Class #2 • 09 Jun – RiverLife AGM • 13 to 16 Jun – Youth Camp • 27 Jun – Fun Day (Youth) • 29 Jun – Parents Gathering #2 	<p><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 to 7 Jul – YA Camp • 13 Jul – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 14 Jul – Dating Couples Briefing #2 • 21 Jul – EA Welcome Lunch • 28 Jul – Baptism Service #2 <p><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 Aug – YA Gathering • 03 Aug to 3 Oct – Alpha Run #2 • 04 Aug – Q3 Leaders Huddle • 10 Aug – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 17 Aug – Parents Gathering #3 • 24 to 25 Aug – RLC 33rd Anniversary Weekend <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07 Sep – YA Gathering • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 01 to 15 Sep – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 01 to 29 Sep – SPYces • 06 to 15 Sep – Equipping #2: Deuteronomy • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 22 Sep – EA Mid-Autumn Lunch Outreach

Quarter 4

October

- 05 Oct – YA Gathering, Water Baptism Class #3
- 06 to 20 – Marriage Preparation Course #3
- 12 Oct – Caleb Ministry Gathering
- 13 Oct – Discipleship @ Home for Pre-School Parents (Parents Equipping)
- 16 to 23 Oct – Feast of the Tabernacles
- 19 Oct – Fun Day (Youth)
- 26 Oct – Local Outreach (Youth)

November

- 02 Nov – YA Gathering
- 7 to 9 Nov – Ministry Orientation Camp for Sec 1s (Youth)
- 9 Nov – Caleb Ministry Gathering
- 10 Nov – Discipleship @ Home for Primary School Parents (Parents Equipping)
- 10 Nov – Water Baptism Service #3
- 23-25 Nov – Marriage Retreat

December

- 14 Dec – YA Christmas Outreach, Caleb Ministry Gathering
- 19 to 21 Dec – Youth Conference
- 21-22 Dec – Christmas Outreach Weekend
- 28 Dec – Parents Gathering #4

Ministry & Opportunities



1. The 9M Ministry.

This ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.

- Receive Prayer Support: rlc.sg/9m
- Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve

2. Missions Microsite.

Discover how you can go, give and pray for the nations. Let's make a difference in the nations together! For more information, visit rlc.sg/missions.

3. RiverLife Cares Opportunities.

Enquiries/Registration: rlc.sg/serve-rlcar

4. Prayer Ministry.

If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RiverLife's RTF ministry: rlc.sg/rtf

1. Bible Reading Plan.

The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp

- 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
- 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
- Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)

2. RiverLife Podcast.

The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search 'The RiverLife Podcast' on Spotify.

3. Spiritual Growth Resources.

We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.

4. Testimony.

If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

5. Stay Connected with RLC.

Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.

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