

## Fulfilling the Escrow

In Greek grammar, the action of the aorist participle precedes the action of the main verb. The main verb is election [*eklego*] found in Ephesians 1:4, and the aorist participle is the verb has blessed [*eulogeo*] found in Ephesians 1:3. Thus, God the father created an escrow of blessings for every person whom He elected, both of which occurred before the foundation of the world.

Although all believers have an escrow account under the supervision of Jesus Christ as escrow Officer, only the few will ever receive the conveyance of its contents. Fulfillment of the conditions of the escrow are required before conveyance may be executed and fulfillment demands that the believer advance to spiritual maturity in time.

The grace of God has imputed a portfolio of invisible assets which enable the believer to make the required advance. Most believers will fail to utilize these assets and thus will arrive at the Judgment Seat of Christ as losers. They will have a resurrection body and eternal life minus the old sin nature.

Because of their negative volition in time, they remain naked for all eternity. They may visit the eternal records center in the Temple to view a printout of their eternal escrow but, having failed to fulfill its conditions, they will never receive the conveyance of its contents.

A few believers will maximize their assets and thus will arrive at the Judgment Seat of Christ as winners. They will qualify to receive their investiture into the new order of chivalry, and thus enter into the status of an elite corps of royal aristocrats possessing great power, authority, and privilege. This is the heritage of the privileged class. These believers will glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout the entire Millennium and then forever in the eternal state.

Those who study the prophecies of the book of Revelation and apply them to their lives are, according to our Lord, happy.

**Revelation 1:3** - Happy is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

**Revelation 22:7** - Behold, I am coming quickly. Happy is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.

**CTL Hebrews 12:5** - And so you yourselves have forgotten the doctrinal instruction which teaches you as sons: "My son, stop making light of the Lord's chastisement nor become discouraged when you are reproved by Him.

**Hebrews 12:6** - For you see, whom the Lord loves, he disciplines by means of chastisement and punishes to the maximum every son who He welcomes home."

Hebrews 12:7 will take up two ideas:

1. The recipients of divine discipline;
2. The principle of sonship.

It consists of three sentences. The first is a command, the second is an explanation, and the third is a question. Sentence #1 is made up of three words in the Greek. It begins with an accusative of purpose from the preposition: *eis* - "because of." This is followed by the accusative of the noun: *paideia* - chastisement, or "corrective discipline"

The final word is the present active imperative of the verb: *hupomeno* - “endure”

**CTL Hebrews 12:7** - Because of corrective discipline, endure!