

The Guarantee of Our Divine Inheritance

Ephesians 1:11-14

July 31, 2022

I. The Source of Our Inheritance (v. 11)

- A. He is the sole source of our divine inheritance
 - 1. It was established in eternity past (Eph 1:4)
 - 2. We have obtained our divine inheritance due to divine, sovereign grace (Eph 2:8)
- B. His setting His saving love on you
 - "...according to the purpose of Him ..." - v. 11*
 - 1. We do not deserve any praise where our salvation is concerned
 - 2. We bring nothing to merit our divine inheritance
- C. Nothing outside of God moves Him to set this saving love on you
 - 1. His will in choosing you is solely His will (John 15:16)
 - 2. His working through the power of the Holy Spirit brings us in to His will

II. The Reason for Our Inheritance (v. 12)

- A. His grace is demonstrated in our regeneration to salvation (Eph 2:4-5)
 - 1. His grace gives life where death reigned
 - 2. His grace cancels our deserved wrath (Eph 2:3)
- B. His glory is the final cause of salvation
 - 1. The believer glories in nothing but Christ
 - 2. The end result of our inheritance in Heaven will be to glorify Christ (Rev 5:11-14)

III. The Reality of Our Present Inheritance (v. 13)

- A. The hearing of the gospel is primarily through proclamation/preaching the gospel
 - 1. The gospel according to the scriptures
 - 2. The gospel will be heard and responded to by those that God opens their heart and minds (Romans 10:20)
- B. We must believe by faith the facts of the gospel
 - 1. Jesus is the Son of God
 - 2. Jesus died on the cross as sacrifice
 - 3. Jesus was placed in a tomb
 - 4. Jesus was resurrected

IV. The Security of Our Inheritance (v. 14)

- A. The Holy Spirit seals us
 - 1. His is a seal that cannot be broken
 - 2. He indwells the believer
- B. The Holy Spirit Represents Four Truths in His Sealing Power (v. 14)
 - 1. Security of the believer (John 10:27-28)
 - 2. Authenticity (Eph 2:10)
 - 3. Ownership (John 10:26-28; 1 Cor 6:19-20)
 - 4. Authority (1 John 4:4)

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