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"The Result of Christ's Work"

Ephesians 1:11-14

Our Christianity involves considerably more than heaven. Jesus did not suffer and die for a place. He suffered and died for a people – His people. All those who trust by faith in His work on the cross are His people. Because of His death, burial, and resurrection, we have so much to look forward to relationally with Him. Trusting in the work of Christ gives much, much, more than “fire insurance.”

The work of Christ results in an inheritance that is given to all believers. In this passage we will learn ***the gift of our inheritance, the guarantee of our inheritance, and the goal of our inheritance.***

1 – The GIFT of our inheritance in Christ. (Ephesians 1:11-12)
(cf. 1 Peter 1:3-5); (cf. Romans 10:5-17)

Our every conceivable need is met in God because of our inheritance in Christ. This was accomplished in eternity past and secured for eternity future. Through the working of the Holy Spirit in us today, it is also active in our present.

His gracious provision in accordance with His divine promises assures all our needs (presently) are met in God. We are promised peace, love, grace, wisdom, eternal life, joy, victory, strength, guidance, power, mercy, forgiveness, righteousness, truth, fellowship with God, spiritual discernment, heaven, eternal riches, glory. These and every good thing that comes from God are ours – all because of His gracious and glorious gift: Jesus Christ.

2 – The GUARANTEE of our inheritance in Christ. (Ephesians 1:13-14a)
(cf. John 14:1-3)

When a person accepts the work of Christ on his behalf by faith, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in him/her. He is there to empower us in our new life as a Christ follower. He equips and gifts us for ministry, and He teaches us the truth in His Word.

The sealing of which Paul teaches here refers to an official mark of identification that was placed on a letter, contract, or other important document. The seal was usually made from hot wax, which was placed on the document and then pressed with a signet ring. The document was thereby officially identified with and under the authority of the person to whom the signet belonged.

The seal of God's Spirit in the believer signifies four primary things: ***security, authenticity, ownership, and authority***

3 – The GOAL of our inheritance in Christ. (Ephesians 1:14b)

The great overriding purpose of God's redemption of men is the rescuing of what is His own possession. All creation belongs to God. In His infinite wisdom, love, and grace He chose to provide redemption for the fallen creatures He made in His own image. He did this for His own sake even more than for their sakes, because they do not belong to themselves. They belong to Him.

He saved us to serve Him and to praise Him. We are saved so that we may be restored to the intended divine purpose of creation – to bear the image of God and bring Him glory.

This will be entirely accomplished at our glorification. It is then that we will receive full glory and redemption and be made the perfect possession of God.

APPLICATION:

Our IDENTITY and SECURITY are immersed in Christ. No matter what is happening around us...we are secure in Him and will forever be secure.

Our PURPOSE is to glorify God in the PRESENT by bearing His image through obedience to His Word and obedience to His command to share the good news of Christ with all people.

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