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The Pastors Message:

God's Sovereignty Part 14

Subject – Christians have obtained an inheritance

Text - Ephesians 1:11 *"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:"*

This is one of my most favorite scriptures, because it talks about God's absolute Sovereignty and it talks about our inheritance given us in Christ Jesus. People who hate the Sovereignty of God and mostly election try to link this passage to the election of the Jews or the Nation Israel, but I could not disagree more. They say the word "we" is talking about the Jews because Paul was a Jew and the word "ye" is talking about the Gentiles. However, doesn't that thought exclude what Christianity is all about? Aren't Christians all one in Christ, weather Jew or Gentile? The bible I read lumps Christians in as one, *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* Galatians 3:28 – 29 How can Paul who is a Jew by nature, but more importantly a Christian through Jesus Christ be true to Christianity if he separates himself from his Gentile brethren? Paul is no more a Jew, but by nature only, therefore he is a Christian BROTHER with Gentiles. Therefore, such separation would be unscriptural because once a Christian we are one in Christ Jesus whether Jew or Gentile. But not only does it affect Paul's natural affiliation it also affects the Gentiles affiliation because God said we "as Christians" are one in Christ. "for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." This is not the Jews, this is Christian, all Christians. God does not separate Christians, people separate Christians. Therefore, the promises to "Abraham's seed" are to the Christians where there is neither Jew nor Gentile but Abraham who is the father of many nations and of all of believers. Do not forget the Gentiles were ingrafted and became natural parts of the tree. Romans 11:11 – 24 One more point, people point to John to divide Jews and Gentiles John 10:16 *"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."* While it shows a separation of Jews and Gentiles God talks about bringing them into this Jewish fold and making them one in Christ Jesus, "...I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" where there is neither Jew nor Gentile but all are one because the Gentiles have been ingrafted into Abraham who is the father of many Nations. Therefore, the conclusion

must be that with Paul there were no separation with the “we” and “ye” because he was no longer a Jew but a Christian.

One of the great mysteries of God’s will was to the Jews in the Old Testament, and that was that Gentiles would be a part of them. All the promises made to Israel was not to the Nation but to Abraham’s Nation or to all believers. All Jews are not elected Christians, in fact very few Jews believed in Jesus Christ, in fact God said in John 1:11 “*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*” And the Jews, they condemned Him, and they beat Him, and they mocked Him, and they crucified Him. Very few Jews today believe in Jesus Christ, in fact they still hate Him, they use Him for “Holy Land” money but they still do not recognize Him as the Messiah nor as Saviour. When they die, they are no better than the Gentiles when anyone dies without Christ, all of them go to hell, Jew or Gentile. John 3:18 “*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*”

Therefore, the “we” in verse 11 are “we Christians” whether Jew or Gentile all in Christ Jesus and in Him we have an inheritance. This word “inheritance” means literally “to acquire by lot,” and then to obtain, to receive. We are Christ’s by the Fathers gifting us to Him, we are “in Christ” and as Christians we are brethren to the Son of man Jesus the Christ. “*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*” Romans 8:16 – 17 I would like to quote John Gill here, “he makes them heirs; they are not so by nature, nor do they become such by the works of the law; but God his rich grace adopts them into his family, begets them again, and freely bestows the inheritance on them: or subjectively, they are heirs of himself; he not only makes them his heirs, but he himself is their inheritance and portion; they are heirs of all things which are his; they share in his love, grace, and mercy; and his wisdom, power, truth, and faithfulness, and indeed, every perfection of his are engaged on their side, and in their favour; all things are theirs who have God to be their God and Father; the Gospel and the ministers of it are theirs; the world and the things of it, life and death, things present and things to come; heaven and happiness, which go by the names of glory, riches of glory, kingdom, eternal life and salvation, are all represented as things to be inherited by the saints.” This is what it is to be a child of the Living God in Jesus His Son, glory to God for **His gift of salvation!** The Father has given Jesus Christ all things, even us for His glory, but look what the Father has given to us in Christ. We have an inheritance or a lot, we will live with and reign with Jesus Christ forever, “*In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*” John 14:2 – 3 One word to conclude here, **AMEN!!!**

One of the softest pillows upon which the Christian can lay his head!

By Charles Spurgeon

I am persuaded that the doctrine of *predestination* is **one of the softest pillows upon which the Christian can lay his head** — and one of the “strongest staffs” upon which he may lean, in his pilgrimage along this rough road.

“For He *chose* us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He *predestined* us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will — to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves!” Ephesians 1:4-6

“In Him we were also *chosen*, having been *predestined* according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will!” Ephesians 1:11

No sin can be little!

By John Bunyan

No sin can be little, because it is committed against the great God of heaven and earth.

To commit little sins — the sinner must find a little god!

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace!” Ephesians 1:7

“The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7