

“Inherited in Christ” (Ephesians 1:11–14)

The Big Idea: In Christ, we who are God’s prized possession have a secure inheritance.

- I. In Christ, the Father has laid claim to us by his almighty will. (verses 11–12)
 - a. We are God’s specially chosen and cherished possession. (verse 11a)

Deuteronomy 9:29; Psalm 78:70–71; 82:8
 - b. This high privilege of ours was predestined by God’s unstoppable will. (verse 11b)
 - c. This high privilege is ours that God’s glory might be praised. (verse 12)

Isaiah 43:1–7
- II. In Christ, the Spirit has been given us as our seal and pledge. (verses 13–14)
 - a. When we believed the gospel, God sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit. (verse 13)

Romans 10:8–17; Ezekiel 9:3–6; Revelation 7:2–4, 9–10, 13–14; 14:1
Revelation 3:12; 22:3–4; John 6:27
Ezekiel 36:25–27; Isaiah 44:1–5; Acts 2:16–21, 36–39; Galatians 3:13–14; 4:4–7
 - b. The Spirit is God’s pledge of our full inheritance and redemption. (verse 14a)

Romans 8:16–17; Matthew 25:34; 1 Peter 1:3–5; Revelation 2:26–27; 3:21; 21:1–7; 2 Corinthians 1:21–22; 1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 19:4–6; Deuteronomy 7:6; Luke 21:25–28; Romans 8:19–23
 - c. The Spirit secures us not only for our good but thereby for God’s glory. (verse 14b)

Ephesians 3:20–21

Concluding Applications

- 1) Since you belong to God, be secure in his love. (1 John 3:1–3)
- 2) Since you belong to God, be pleasing in his eyes. (Ephesians 4:29–30; Titus 2:1–14)
- 3) Since you inherit all things, be content in that destiny. (1 Timothy 6:6–12)