

OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

(Ephesians 1:11-14)

- I. The GROUND of Our Inheritance—JESUS CHRIST (Eph. 1:11-13a)
 - A. Based on the work of JESUS CHRIST (1:11a)
 - 1. This “ALSO” is realized in the KINGDOM
 - 2.. Paul could mean we have BECOME an inheritance
 - a. Possibly for the FATHER (cf. Rev. 5:9)
 - b. Possibly for CHRIST (cf. John 6:37, 39; 10:29; 17:2, 24)
 - 3. Paul could mean we have RECEIVED an inheritance FROM God (cf. 1 Pet. 1:3-4)
 - B. The DIVINE perspective (1:11b, 12b)
 - 1. Our inheritance was DECREED by God’s PREDESTINATION
 - 2. Our inheritance is OBTAINED by God’s POWER
 - 3. Our inheritance DISPLAYS God’s PREEMINENCE
 - C. The HUMAN perspective (1:12a, 13a)
 - 1. Not all are SAVED at the SAME TIME
 - 2. SALVATION comes from HEARING the gospel and BELIEVING

II. The GUARANTEE of Our Inheritance—The HOLY SPIRIT (Eph. 1:13b-14a)

A. His role as the Father’s SEAL

1. Served as a guarantee of SECURITY (cf. Dan. 6:17; Matt. 27:62-66)
2. Served as a guarantee of AUTHENTICITY
3. Served as a guarantee of AUTHORITY
4. Served as a guarantee of OWNERSHIP

B. His role as the Father’s PLEDGE/EARNEST

- a. Serves as DOWN-PAYMENT for our INHERITANCE
- b. Guarantees our FULL redemption as God’s POSSESSION

III. The GOAL of Our Inheritance—“to the PRAISE of HIS glory” (Eph. 1:14b)