

Sermon Title: Inheritance/Security

Sermon Series: Ephesians: Who We Are

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-14

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Inheritance

What do you look to for your _____?

Ephesians 1:3 ESV

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

He adopted me

He paid for me

I'm His!

Ephesians 1:11 ESV

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

1. Followers of Jesus have an _____.

Titus 3:7 ESV

7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Ephesians 1:11-12 ESV

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

2. Jesus _____ us _____ / an _____.

Ephesians 1

3 Blessed us In Christ,

4 chose us In Him

7 In him we have redemption

9 according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

10 unite all things in him

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance

12 hope in Christ

13 In him... you were sealed

12, 14 praise of his glory

It's all about Jesus!

Ephesians 1:11 ESV

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

Ephesians 1:5 ESV

5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

James 2:5 ESV

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

Jesus gave us security / an inheritance

Ephesians 1:13 ESV

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

God gave me life, according to his plan, free of my choice.

I believe in it.

YES!

John 20:30-31 ESV

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**3. We _____ our inheritance by _____
Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead.**

Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

4. Our security / inheritance is _____ and
_____ by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:16-17 ESV

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,
provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

“We are secure, not because we hold tightly to Jesus, but because He holds tightly to us.”

—R.C. Sproul

1 Peter 1:4 ESV

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in
heaven for you,

God is _____ when we are _____ in
Him.

When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

“He Will Hold Me Fast
Ada Ruth Habershon
Matthew Merker
CCLI#7016161”

Small Group questions

What were some of your “security items” growing up? (like a blanket of stuffed animal)?

What type of “security items” do you or “adults” have now?

Why do you think we look for security in those things?

Read Ephesians 1:11-14.

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What do these verses tell us about God and what He’s done?

What do these verses tell us about us?

From verse 13 - For those who are a follower of Jesus, share about the time you heard the "Gospel of your salvation and believed in him".

What is God challenging you to believe, remember, or do because of this text?

How can your group help you with this, this week?