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 **Hardwired To Find Purpose**


The Commission on Children at Risk indicated that a significant body of scientific evidence is beginning to demonstrate that "we are hard-wired for meaning, born with a built-in capacity and drive to search for purpose and reflect on life's ultimate ends."

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 **Galatians 4**

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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 **Galatians 4**


6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 **Family Personalities Revealed**


Person	Revelation
God the Father	Adopted Father
God the Son	Jesus as only Begotten Son, Our Brother
God the Holy Spirit	Paraklete Our Helper, Comforter, Teacher, Reminder, Guardian

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 **God is the inheritance of the Saints**


God is the inheritance of the saints; he is the portion of their souls. God is their wealth and treasure, their food, their life, their dwelling place, their ornament and diadem, and their everlasting honor and glory. They have none in heaven but God; He is the great good which the redeemed are received to at death, and which they are to rise to at the end of the world.
-John Piper

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 **Family Personalities Revealed**


Person	Revelation
Sons and Daughters of God	Family of adopted brothers and sisters

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 **Ephesians 1**

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,


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 **Wisdom is the Power to See**

“Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it.”


— J.I. Packer

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 **Revelation**


God communicating truth to the mind which could not be discovered in any other way

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 **Ephesians 1**

18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might


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 **When our eyes are enlightened**

Then we will see:


- Value**
- Beauty**
- Worth**
- Greatness**

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 **Things to See**


1. Hope of our calling
2. Riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
3. Immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe

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 **Wisdom is the Power to See**

Wisdom and revelation to see and value and cherish the beauty and greatness in the inheritance in the saints.


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 **Question**

Ephesians 1:18 what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,


Is this referring to an inheritance that God receives in us or do we receive an inheritance from God?

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 **Acts 20:28**


28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

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 **Deuteronomy 32:9**

But the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

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 **Deuteronomy 9:29**

29 'For they are your people and your heritage, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.'

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Jeremiah 10:16

Not like these [idols] is he [God] who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name.

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Search for Satisfaction

“The believer is in spiritual danger if he allows himself to go for any length of time without tasting of the love of Christ... When Christ ceases to fill the heart with satisfaction, our souls will go in silent search of other lovers”

-John Piper

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Hebrews 12

15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright [inheritance] for a single meal.

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Hebrews 12

17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

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Genesis 25

29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."

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Genesis 25

32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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Esau's Future Inheritance

- 1. Family Leader – “Lord over his brothers”
 - 2. Double portion of physical goods
 - 3. Sole inheritor of Abraham’s promise
 - 4. Priestly role of the family
- * Isaac’s blessing conferred the spiritual aspects of the inheritance to a single son

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Right of the First Born

Israel’s history reveals that birthright and priesthood are linked together. In the will of God, Israel was to become God’s ‘firstborn’, Exod. 4. 22; and a ‘kingdom of priests’, Exod. 19. 6. When, however, God spared the firstborn of Israel at the passover He commanded that every firstborn should be separated unto Himself, Exod. 13. 2. Later, after the worshipping of the golden calf, this privilege of priestly service is transferred to the family of Levi for we read, ‘I have taken the Levites instead of the firstborn’, Num. 3. 12, 45.


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1 Peter 2:9


9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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 **Ephesians 1**


20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

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 **Ephesians 1**

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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