

Title: You're in the Will

Text: Ephesians 1:11-12

Target: What is His is ours.

I. The Source of our Inheritance: *"In him"* (Vs. 11a)

A. Person of Christ: *"For all the promises of God find their Yes in him."*
(2 Cor. 1:20)

B. Provision of Christ: *"...He has caused us to be born again to a living hope...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,"* (1 Peter 1:3-4)

C. Position in Christ: *"He who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him."*
(1 Cor. 6:17)

"heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ," (Romans 8:17)

"All are yours, and you are Christ's," (1 Cor. 3:22-23)

Question: How does seeing Christ as the source of our inheritance (rather than our own efforts) change the way you view your identity and worth?

(Cross Ref: 2 Cor. 1:20 – All the promises of God are Yes in Christ.)

Question: When life feels uncertain, what would it look like for you to truly live as an heir of God and co-heir with Christ today?

(Cross Ref: Romans 8:17 – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.)

II. The Scope of our Inheritance: *"predestined according to the purpose of him"* (Vs. 11b)

A. On Earth (Now): *"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 14:17)

B. In Heaven (Later): *"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people...He will wipe away every tear...death shall be no more...neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,"*
(Revelation 21:3-4)

Question: How do you balance enjoying the present blessings of the kingdom (righteousness, peace, and joy in the Spirit) with the hope of future glory in heaven?

(Cross Ref: Romans 14:17 – the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Spirit.)

Question: Revelation 21 promises no more death, pain, or tears. How does this eternal inheritance shape the way you face trials, losses, and disappointments right now?

(Cross Ref: Rev. 21:3-4 – He will wipe away every tear.)

III. **The Security of our Inheritance:** *“who works all things according to the counsel of his will,”* (Vs. 11c)

A. Guaranteed Legally: *“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”* (John 1:12)

B. Guaranteed Relationally: *“So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”* (Galatians 4:7)

C. Guaranteed Sovereignly: *“My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.”* (Isaiah 46:10)

Question: In what ways does knowing your inheritance is *legally, relationally, and sovereignly* guaranteed by God give you confidence in seasons of doubt?

(**Cross Ref:** John 1:12 – *He gave the right to become children of God.*)

Question: When you consider Isaiah 46:10 (“My counsel shall stand”), what does it mean for you personally to trust God’s sovereignty over your story, even when things don’t make sense?

(**Cross Ref:** Gal. 4:7 – *no longer a slave but a son and heir.*)

Takeaway: Your inheritance in Christ is not fragile...it’s final.

Challenge for the Week:

This week, **live as an heir of Christ**. Each day, remind yourself: *“What is His is mine in Him.”*

- **Identity:** Write down one truth about who you are *in Christ* (Romans 8:17).
- **Gratitude:** Thank God daily for one “now” inheritance (peace, joy, Spirit) and one “future” inheritance (eternal life with Him).
- **Action:** Share this hope with someone who needs to be reminded that God’s promises are secure.