

Sermon Title: **“OBTAINED AN INHERITANCE”**

Ephesians 1:3-14

- Part of our being blessed in Christ is that we are extended Mercy (we DON'T get what we do deserve)
  - We are also extended Grace (we receive what we DON'T deserve)
  - Since Jesus rose from the dead, we have the same hope that we too will one day raise from the dead to newness of life (comes with an Inheritance)
1. OUR INHERITANCE IS IMPERISHABLE
    - “Inheritance” = to allot; to assign (as in a privilege)
    - This Inheritance is secured by God & that means God will NOT let ANYTHING happen to it
      - God has promised us an Inheritance & God is bound to His promises simply because of Who He is (He's bound to His character)
  2. OUR INHERITANCE IS UNDEFILED
    - NO earthly corruption or inadequacy can touch what God has blessed us with (eternally in the presence of our Daddy)
    - God's given us His Holy Spirit to indwell us, but there's coming a day where we will live with God forever
  3. OUR INHERITANCE IS UNFADING
    - In NO way will our Inheritance EVER diminish in ANY way
  4. OUR INHERITANCE IS RESERVED
    - The Holy Spirit (given by our Heavenly Father) holds us secure so that our promised Inheritance will be received in full
    - The reality of our Inheritance STILL being ahead of us (recognizing the value of the glory that awaits us in Heaven) helps us to endure joyfully our hardships
    - What we presently face is momentary light afflictions because it's compared to what's ahead
    - EVERYTHING that ALL of Scripture promises is reserved for us in Heaven (it awaits us & we will receive it)