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## Sermon Title: "GOD'S INHERITANCE"

## Ephesians 1:15-23

- One day we will be face-to-face with God & we will have perfect, forever fellowship with Him in Heaven
  - Heaven will be BETTER than ANYTHING we can imagine
  - The GREATEST part of our inheritance is just being with God
- NOT ONLY do we receive an inheritance (solely because of Christ), but God Himself receives an inheritance
- Who is that possession? It's those, who are in Christ, those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ
- Believers are owned by God & should strive to bring Him glory in EVERYTHING we say, do, & think!
- God's inheritance is in the saints
  - Our Heavenly Father is eagerly anticipating His possession (us), which is His inheritance, God's awaiting our arrival in Heaven
- In Today's culture, we REJECT being called a possession ... we've attached a really NEGATIVE connotation to being owned
  - Our Master (the One who owns us) is UNLIKE ANYTHING our culture's mind gravitates toward
- Being a servant of Almighty, ALL-Loving God is something to be exalted in praise!
  - As good or as caring as a human master could possibly be, God is INFINITELY better
  - When I start to doubt God's goodness, I start rattling off things that I'm thankful for
  - Being God's possession & owned by Him is NOT something to REJECT or FEAR, but rather EMBRACE & CHERISH
- Think about the value God has placed upon us (who are in Christ)
  - You were made in the image of God (NOTHING else can say that)
  - God chose you before the foundation of the world
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Our value is set by God & that value was paid for by God  $\,$
  - You were the JOY set before Him
  - $\circ$   $\,$  & you are worth every drop of blood shed on the cross in God's eyes
- When you see yourself from God's point of view & you recognize your value in Christ, being His possession is an unbelievable privilege
  - You & I are loved beyond comprehension by God
  - There is coming a day where we will spend eternity with God as His glorious inheritance (& what a day that will be)