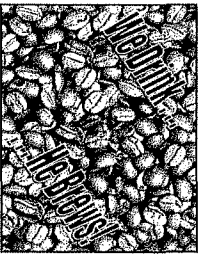


Sermon
11-15-09

“AN ETERNAL INHERITANCE”

Hebrews 9:15-28



Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. — John 1:12-13

III.: Family fights over wills, redeeming Green Stamps

In establishing a new covenant, God destroyed the wrath and punishment that comes as a natural result of sin, for “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord” (Romans 6:23). And since believers are, as the book of John says, children of God, Jesus as High Priest and perfect sacrifice has not only provided for a restored relationship with God, but He has established us as His own brothers and sisters, and as such we are heirs of the kingdom of God. No matter the trials we have to walk through, that is a sure promise!

God adopts us as His own forever and makes us His heirs!

I. He ESTABLISHED the inheritance. (9:15)

- “Mediator” is someone who acts as a “go-between” between two opposing parties to develop terms by which they can come together.
- Jesus became the mediator to bring together a Holy Godly with a sinful human race.
- Romans 6:23 – the wages of sin is death
- He mediated a restoration by paying the prescribed price – a blood sacrifice, a death to pay for the death of the relationship – and paying it for all time

II. He VALIDATED the inheritance. (16-26)

- He was not only the mediator and the sacrifice, but served in the role as the parent – He and the Father are ONE, so when He died on the cross it served as the death of the parent to the children we became! His death validated the inheritance could be distributed to the children.
- Christ who was without sin, TOOK ON THE SIN OF ALL MANKIND, and so while pure and holy BECAME SIN FOR US and that sin was then cleansed through His death so He could enter into the PERFECT TEMPLE IN HEAVEN and for all time!
- His payment and purification validates our right to enter as well, because we are purified through Him!

III. He BESTOWS the inheritance. (9:27-28)

- Upon those who go ahead of us in death and face judgment and be found redeemed.
- Upon those still here when He returns who will face judgment without death and be found redeemed!
- IF they WANT to receive that inheritance!

~ People will go to incredible lengths and make huge sacrifices to obtain “treasure” that tarnish, wear out and pass away, that bring some level of enjoyment for a time and then leave them empty, but will often just continue to seek more of the same INSTEAD OF PURSUING SOMETHING THAT LASTS AND FULFILLS FOREVER!

My Decision:

I will ground my hope not in the TEMPORARY things of this life, but in the ETERNAL inheritance that I have been promised!