

BIG GIFT CHRISTMAS

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The Gift of Inheritance

Introduction

“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. 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.” (Galatians 4:4-7, ESV)

1. Being an Heir

κληρονόμος (translated “heir” in verse 7)

“¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.” (Galatians 4:1-2, ESV)

2. The Type of Inheritance Gained

²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." (Galatians 3:29, ESV)

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'" (Genesis 12:1-3, ESV)

Blessed

To Bless

Digging Deeper into the Big Gifts of Christmas

This week's passages:

Monday – Galatians 4:4-7

Tuesday – Genesis 12:1-9

Wednesday – Galatians 3

Thursday – Ephesians 1

Friday – 2 Corinthians 6

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God's word says about our inheritance, obedience, and life in Jesus. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word ("*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*" James 1:22).