



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Esau Sold His Birthright

Esau the oldest son of Isaac and Rebekah, one day gave away one of the greatest gifts an older son could give away, the family birthright. Esau, being the oldest would have been in line to become the next patriarch of the family. The possessions, the responsibilities of holding the family together, and making decisions for the family would have rested upon him. Instead, Esau sells his birthright to Jacob forfeiting the rights and benefits which came with it.

We have been blessed with a spiritual birthright through Jesus Christ. We have access to numerous spiritual blessings which allow us to be part of the family of God. Like as Esau, we sometimes sell our birthright.

We must realize how priceless our birthright is. Esau did not. He was willing to exchange his for red pottage because his flesh overpowered him. This is why Christians must walk after the spirit and not after the flesh (Gal. 5:16). As Jesus told the disciples on one occasion, "...the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak" (Matt 26:41). Because Esau was so famished, he questioned the profitability of the birthright. He said, "...and what profit shall this birthright be to me?" Satan and others may cause us to question whether it is profitable for us to maintain our birthright.

Some people will try to take advantage, and steal your birthright away through trickery and deceit. The birthright can be stolen through listening and obeying false doctrine. False teachers are very deceitful and convincing. A thorough knowledge of God's word and making proper use of it can help protect our spiritual birthright.

Once Esau sold his birthright, he was not able to get it back. Sometimes sin will take us too far and we might not come back to the Lord where all spiritual blessings reside. This is not to say that the Lord will not welcome us back, but because sin has negatively affected us so much, we refuse to return. In a sense, we forfeit our birthright.

Our spiritual birthright is so important, that we must protect it at all times and at all costs. Do not allow anyone or any circumstance to influence us to forfeit God's great gift of salvation and the benefits which come along with it. –K.A. Pugh

You know how children are. You get in the car for your trip and it is not long until you hear, "Are we there yet?" There is that anticipation of reaching the destination. They are tired of riding in the car. They want to be there already.

That is the way life seems to be. Sometimes our journey gets tiring or difficult. We have that anticipation of reaching our eternal destination. We are ready to be there.

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Cor 5:8 ESV

Live today as though you truly want to dwell with the Lord and one day you will.

Have a great day! TLM

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