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## Godly Inheritance

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## Sermon Series Thesis:

The Inheritance of God should drive the Christian to live building a legacy that imitates our creator.

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God's Will has been planned, proven and must be executed.

## Objectives:

- I. A Will presupposes a death
- II. A Will has to be proved
- III. Time to execute the Will

## Introduction:

There is much more about God's Will than we can speak to in this one sermon. The depth of a Godly Inheritance has caused us to examine it in this current series. This morning I endeavor to get you to understand that if there is a Will then that assumes one expects to die. We should understand that the death of one who makes a Will must be proven. After the proof of death then any Will must be executed.

Our God has good intentions toward us and has made provision for us in this world and into the next. As we consider our love ones let's do as our Father has done for us and leave legacy which will benefit them in this world and the one to come.

Begin our lesson with considering that...

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## Sermon Outline:

### I. A Will presupposes a death

A. Because God had a Will it shows that He intended to die.

Hebrews 9:26 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

B. In Jesus death we see that it achieves a new Covenant

Hebrews 9:15 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

C. In Jesus death He shares in our weakness and takes control of death.

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

D. In Jesus death He achieves allowing us to serve Him.

Hebrews 9:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

E. In death much was done for us and it was His plan from the beginning to die for our sins.

Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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*This death must be proven in order to execute the will.*

## II. A Will must be proven

A. Without the death of the testator there can be no new covenant.

Acts 1:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

B. Certainly there was and still is an empty tomb.

Luke 24:24 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

C. There are many occurrences in scripture that give us proof of Jesus resurrection from the grave.

John 21:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

D. These things must be accepted by faith if one will enter into a covenant with God to receive an eternal inheritance.

E. In fact Jesus resurrection is central to a Godly Inheritance and our faith.

1 Corinthians 15:1–8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

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F. It is the Gospel itself, the death; burial and resurrection of Jesus.

*It is time to read the Will of God and imitate our creator.*

## III. Time to execute the Will

A. Now that a death has occurred as heirs we must know the will in order to take hold of its promises.

Ephesians 3:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

B. If the will is not read then you are left to your own devices and desires.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

C. Knowledge and wisdom come from God's Will.

Colossians 1:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

D. God's Will gives us divine direction and commissions us for His service.

2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*Read God's Will and do God's Will that you might receive God's Inheritance.*

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## Conclusion:

Have you read the Will of God? Are you aware of what His Will is for you? From the beginning of time God has intended to offer Himself for us. His sacrifice can bring you into His family whereby we can become the children of God. As children there is a Godly Inheritance in store for us. As children we are heirs who live according to those promises we have received by His Word.

He has died and He has risen. There are and have been many infallible proofs. Yet what remains is for you to believe in a way that causes you to be saved.

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## Invitation:

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Luke 13:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 2:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.