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Series: Jesus + Nothing

Sermon Title: The Ultimate Inheritance

Key Verse: Galatians 3:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Key: The Best is yet to come!

Spirit <u>RECEIVING</u> belief

- Galatians 3:2 (NIV) ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you <u>receive</u> the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?
- Galatians 3:6-8 (NIV) ⁶So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."
- Galatians 3:14 (NIV) ¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Spirit FINISHING faith

Galatians 3:3-4 (NIV) ³Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain?

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Galatians 3:15-18 (NIV) ¹⁵Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) ⁶He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Spirit WORKING miracles

Galatians 3:5 (NIV) ⁵So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Romans 8:9 (NIV) ⁹You, However, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

Romans 8:11 (NIV) ¹¹And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in your, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who dwells within you.

John 14:12 (NIV) ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Challenge Questions:

What have you been given as a result of believing?

What are you asking God to continue to work on in you?

What miracles is the Spirit doing through you?

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