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Theme: The way to inherit.

Text: Galatians 3:18 ... "If the inheritance is by the law it is notlonger by promise ... "

Proposition: Inheritance of the riches of Christianity is based on grateful reception of God's grace through Christ.

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Introduction:

- 1. A country retail merchant retired with fortune of \$100,000. His ability to retire with \$100,000 was due to hard work, strict attention to duty, absolute honesty, economical living, and the recent death of his uncle who left him \$98,500.
- 2. Many would like to be on receiving end of similar inheritance from someone sufficiently removed in kinship so grief wouldn' affect badly. Legally only the maker of a will can determine to whom he will leave his substance. The heir has little to do with determining the promise of the estate, but he can refuse to receive the estate (which seldom happens). The way to inherit is simply to receive what somebody decides to leave you.
- 3. Sometimes possible to offend one who would leave estate to you, as one of S. boys in Wyoming did

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in his marriage. In such a case
the giver, or promiser, makes
rules or conditions which if broker
disinherity the offender. Unusual,
but happens frequently enough to
be within normality. In this case
not a promise of gift or inheritance, but legal way to earn it.

4. God promises inheritance to humans. It consists of guidance, comfort, inspiration, companionship, and of life everlasting at its best. The way to inherit this gift is our theme.

I. God's promise cannot be changed by humans (ref. v. 15-18)

1. Wills once withessed and recorded are seldom broken, & it is safe to generalize the statement that a will can't be changed after the maker is deceased. (v.15)

2. The very idea of God, omnipotent, omnipresent, Creator, Savior, refutes ability of man to affect or change His promise.

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3. Paul in Scrip. carries this idea by referring to direct promise of God to Abraham as thing which wasn't changed by indirect reception of law via Moses and angels. Promise of God exceeds law, though law inspired by Him.

II. God's promise cannot be earned or forced (v.19-20).

- 1. A child inherits from a parent simply bdcause being a child of that parent gives the promise of inheritance. An outsider cannot earn such inheritance, & gets it only with specific wish of parent.
- 2. A man may adopt a child, who then comes to promise of inheritant like natural children. But no matter how much a child wants to be adopted, only adult can take legal steps toward such adoption. Benefits of heir can't be earned or forced.
- 3. Natural or adopted son can at so as to displease parents.

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causing parents to lay down rules of conduct, disobedience of which cuts off inheritance. These rules necessary because of tendency to sin or do wrong in eyes of parents.

Rules don't bring promise of inheritance, but help preserve it.

4. Human can't of choice be God's child or earn or force promise of inheritance. Can refrain from displeasing God by observance of law, but this does not of itself bring Christian inheritance.

III. The riches, or inheritance, promised by God to those with faith in Jesus can simply be accepted by belief in Him.

- l. God promised riches to all who accept Jesus as Himself, who believe on Him & His divinity.
- 2. The only dondition of this inheritance is the same as of physical inheritance, accept it. Accept the belief and you accept the

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inheritance. No rules involved.

3. Tendency to sin does appear in those who accept, but law, commandments, help one avoid sin. These laws do not bring inheritance but simply help one keep in sonship with Him who has made promise to His sons.

Conclusion:

1. Text (read)

2. Summary of points

3. Proposition (read)

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