



## Devotional \_\_\_\_\_

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

Ephesians 1:18 TPT

*I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones!*

When we receive Christ, we are **adopted into God's family and** belong to Him. We are His and He is ours! This relationship is echoed in human marriage where two individuals become one. As they grow in their relationship, they become more alike and can even start to know each others' thoughts.

We are his glorious inheritance. He loves us and desires an intimate personal relationship with us. We often see **our inheritance, but do we consider God's** perspective. He gets us... and He wants that.

Deuteronomy 7:6 ESV "... *The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession ...*" God has chosen us for Himself, just as he did the Israelites in the Old Testament. In Christ, He's brought us together and made us one. We are His treasured possession, the object of His love. Further on in Deuteronomy 7 God says He chose them because He loves them, and it is the same with us! He chose us because He loves us and He desires a relationship with us!

This is mind-blowing, that the God of Heaven would greatly desire a relationship with us. He wanted this so much that He came down and lived among us as a human, so that he could take OUR sin upon Himself and die in our place upon the cross.

Jesus' substitutionary death paid the full penalty for our sin, so that we can be declared innocent, made righteous and reconciled to God. We can now, because of Jesus, enjoy relationship with the Father. May we walk through the door of Jesus into everything the Father has prepared for us.

### Application

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. Do you have a close personal relationship with God?
3. If not, what is stopping you?

### Prayer

Father, grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the deep and intimate knowledge of You, in Jesus name. Amen. (*Ephesians 1:17 AMPC*)