



Pastor's Comments

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Heirs

Charles Spurgeon preached a great sermon from a very short text. The text consisted of only four words: **“If children, then heirs”** (Rom. 8:17). The truth and force of those words came through as the expositor stripped them of what they did not say.

The words did not say, if creatures, then heirs. Many people think that they are in the family of God, but the Bible does not say that we are heirs just because we are His creation.

Neither does the text say, if children of Abraham, then heirs. That is what many Israelites believed. They thought they were automatically children of God because they were children of Abraham. However, to some of them Jesus said, “Ye are of your father, the devil” (John 8:44).

The text also ruled out baptism, church membership, confirmation, and other works and rites. There is **only one way we become heirs of God—we must be children of God.** There is **only one way we become children of God—we “must be born again”** (John 3:7).

Years ago, I regularly attended a “black church” in Illinois. They used to sing a song that was loaded with meaning. Having named their church in the song, they sang: “...you can’t just join in—you have to be born in...” Yes, you can’t just join the true church of Jesus Christ! **You have to be born into it!** You have to be **“born again”** (John 3:3-18). **How is one born again?** That is the question Nicodemus asked Jesus, “How can these things be?” (v. 9) Jesus explained that the miracle of the new birth occurs when a person believes and receives Jesus Christ, God’s only provision for salvation, as Savior. Have you done that? Are you “born of the Spirit” (v. 8)? What an inheritance God’s children have!

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