***You Are His Inheritance, He is After You***

**HE RESCUED US AND MADE US ALIVE SO WE CAN BE HIS INHERITANCE (Ephesians 2:1-5)**

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according... world... the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh (self)... the mind... were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ...made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)”  
Ephesians 2:1-5

God wanting us as His inheritance speaks of His desire for us. God has had eternal longings in His heart for a people. The longings of God do not flow from lack but rather come from Him who is self-sufficient and infinitely complete in Himself. God loves us with an everlasting love.

“The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving-kindness I have drawn you.’”   
Jeremiah 31:3

In Ephesians 2:1-7, Paul is connecting the believers in Ephesus with the beauty of the love and desire of God by putting before them the truth of our previous condition before we met Christ. Paul describes the world the Father loves and longs to have as His inheritance to experience His kindness forever. There is a powerful contrast between 1:23 and 2:1-4.

It is staggering in that the same people who were once the full expression of darkness would become the full expression of God through Jesus Christ. Paul is instructing the church about the greatness of the salvation that we have in Jesus.

Shall we grasp the power of this truth.

What a marvel.

Abba in Jesus name by Holy Spirit, help us to see this with great understanding today.