**SERMON SHEET 9/4/22**

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, #9”**

**Text: Luke 1:26-31**

I. Introduction

II. A quick side trip: We are “fellow heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:17)

1. We inherit the Kingdom
2. We inherit God

III. The glorious name of Jesus

1. Jesus is a heavenly name that points to His humanity.
2. Jesus is a historical name that points to His work.
3. Jesus is the highest name that points to His Lordship.
4. Jesus is a hopeful name that points to His salvation.

III. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. James M. Boice:

*Let’s come back to our text to the phrase “heirs of God.” Is this a subjective or an objective genitive? Again, it could be either. If it is a subjective genitive, then God is the subject and the meaning is that we belong to God as God’s heirs. He has fixed his love upon us and made us his heirs by grace. If it is an objective genitive, then the meaning is that we have God as our inheritance. This is the boldest of the two possibilities, but it is what I am convinced Paul is saying here.*

2. John Piper:

*Propitiation, redemption, forgiveness, imputation, sanctification, liberation, healing, heaven – none of these is good news except for one reason: they bring us to God for our everlasting enjoyment of Him. If we believe all these things happened to us, but do not embrace them for the sake of getting to God, they have not happened to us. Christ did not die to forgive sinners who go on treasuring anything above seeing and savoring God. And people who would be happy in heaven if Christ were not there, will not be there. The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God. It’s a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God. If we don’t want God above all things, we have not been converted by the gospel.*

3. Kevin DeYoung:

* *Jesus was a very common name among Jewish males in the first century. From the evidence we have (over 2,500 named Jewish males in documents and inscriptions), scholars estimate that Jesus was the fourth most common name among Jewish men (about one out of twenty), behind Simeon/Simon, Joseph, and Judah. If you were a little boy in first-century Palestine, there would be a very good chance you’d meet a “Jesus” in your town or synagogue.*
* *There is nowhere else we ought to look for our salvation than in Christ. You cannot trust Christ truly unless you trust Christ alone. No matter how much you boast of Christ or talk of your love for Christ or passion for Christ, if you add anything to Christ, your boasting and love and passion are all in vain. There is no “both-and” with Jesus, only “either-or.”* ***Either*** *Jesus is the only Savior, the perfect Savior,* [and our only hope]*,* ***or*** *Jesus is for you no Savior at all.*

4. Warren Wiersbe:

*Every baby born into this world is a person who has never existed before. But when Jesus came into the world, He had existed from all eternity, so His birth had to be different. He came from heaven, sent by the Father; therefore, His name was given from heaven.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **Matt. 25:34; Ps. 2:8; Rev. 2:26-27; Rev. 3:21**
* **Josh. 13:33; Ps. 73:25-26**
* **1 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 1:3-4**
* **Rom. 15:4; John 17:3**
* **Eccl. 12:13**
* **Matt. 13:5; Mark 6:3**
* **Matt. 1:21**
* **Zech. 6:9-13**
* **Phil. 2:5-11**
* **Acts 4:11-12**