

Jacob and Esau
Genesis 25:12-34

Main Point:

Thank God for your new birth by treasuring the privileges you have in Christ.

1. As a spiritual descendant of Abraham, you were supernaturally born again by God.

2. This is because you were first sovereignly elected by God in grace.

3. Having been graciously chosen by God, you have privileges you should not despise.

4. Thank God for your new birth by treasuring the privileges you have in Christ.

Quotations and Cross-References

Galatians 3:29 ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:4-5 ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (NKJV)

Romans 9:10-12 ¹⁰ And not only *this*, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, *even* by our father Isaac ¹¹ (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "[It was so] that this great truth may be established, that God chooses some and refuses others as a free agent, by his own absolute and sovereign will, dispensing his favours or withholding them as he pleases."

Romans 9:16 ¹⁶ So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. (NKJV)

Daniel 4:35 ³⁵ All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?" (NKJV)

John 1:12-13 ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (NKJV)

Hebrews 12:14-16 ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; ¹⁶ lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. (NKJV)

Hebrews 12:17 ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. (NKJV)

Ephesians 1:3 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:3 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (NKJV)