

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
***Dead Guy Summer // Macrina the Younger***  
**Pastor Marcus**  
**July 16, 2023**

**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** What's a song you've been listening to a lot recently?

**Reading:** Galatians 3:23-29

**Outline:**

- I. We are heirs (v. 23-26)
  - A. Paul reminds us that now, we are sons. Not just in the sense of offspring, but in status. We are inheritors of everything that belongs to God.
  - B. When we start viewing our lives as inheritors of everything that belongs to God, we can abandon a scarcity mindset and become generous, like Macrina. Like her, we can ask, "I am an heir to the creator of the universe. I belong to the one who has everything. Why would I withhold anything?"

**Q: *Where in your life do you see yourself with a scarcity mindset?***
- II. We have put on Christ (v. 27)
  - A. Not only do we receive Christ's status as sons, but we have put on Christ. This means we wear his life, we are filled with his righteousness, we live by his virtue, we walk in his compassion and kindness.
  - B. However, we need others in the body of Christ to prevent our egos from inflating when we begin to act and look like Christ. Macrina did this to her brother Basil after he became "puffed up" from a successful career in rhetoric.

**Q: *Do you ever find yourself "puffed up"? Who in your life helps you stay humble?***
- III. We Are One (v. 28-29)
  - A. Paul highlights the central social dividers of his day—ethnic, social class, and sex—and says these do not determine our inheritance! If you are in Christ, you are an heir, and if we are each heirs, we are called to treat one another as fellow heirs. No second class citizens!.
  - B. Macrina and her mother lived this Gospel message as high class women treating the lower class women around them as though they were their own sisters.

**Q: *Do you ever feel like your inheritance from God is determined by external factors?***

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) How can we remind ourselves we are inheritors of everything that belongs to God when in difficult material circumstances?
- 2) How can we apply abandoning a scarcity mindset to the world around us?
- 3) How can we manage the pressure of "putting on Christ" and representing him to others?
- 4) How can we combat the idea that external factors determine our inheritance from God?

**Suggestion for further study:**

- Matthew 18:15: How does this verse show us how we can help to humble our brothers and sisters?
- Hebrews 10:1-14 Q: How do these verses further explain how we are inheritors of everything that is God's?

**Closing Prayer:**

Gracious God, thank you for the example of faith Macrina bears to us. Help us to remember that we have inherited everything that is yours, and that we can live life with generosity. Teach us to recognize when we need humility and to support our brothers and sisters to remember that we are all one in you. Amen.