

Title: "Esau Sold His Birthright, So What?"

Text: Genesis 25:29-34

Theme: God's accomplishment of our salvation involved one brother taking advantage of another brother's misfortune. This may have been an obscure incident in Isaac's household, but it further divided the godly line from the ungodly line.

I. Jacob Takes _____ of a Brother in
_____ (29-31)

II. Esau's _____ (32-33)

III. Resultant _____ of the Birthright (34)

IV. Applications

A. Don't grow spiritually _____ and
_____ to spiritually _____
things.

B. God accomplishes His plan through the
_____ and _____ of people.

C. Christ Jesus is the _____ and His
inheritance is the _____.

Questions to Answer and Discuss:

1. Who was doing the cooking in this episode? What was being cooked (v. 29)?
2. Who demanded something to eat? Why (v. 30)?
3. What nickname did Esau receive from this incident? What does the name mean (v. 30)?
4. How did Jacob answer the demand for food (v. 31)?
5. What was the "birthright"?
6. How did Esau respond to Jacob's offer (v. 32)?
7. Jacob sealed and insured the deal in what manner (v. 33)?
8. What was Esau's basic attitude about his birthright (v. 34)?
9. What New Testament writer gives a divine commentary on this incident?
10. Of what kind of person is Esau a prime Scriptural example?
11. In what ways have you found yourself growing spiritually insensitive to the privileges of God's covenant?
12. How can you guard against spiritual laziness and insensitivity?
13. If God accomplished His purposes through the great imperfections and weaknesses of a person such as Jacob, what does this mean for your life?
14. In contrast to Esau who at the height of physical exhaustion and hunger succumbed to a bad deal, who at the height of physical deprivation overcame temptation in a wilderness?
15. Who is the world's "Firstborn" and has the right of possessing all things (see Colossians 1:15)?
16. Have there been ways whereby you have been "selling" your spiritual privileges?