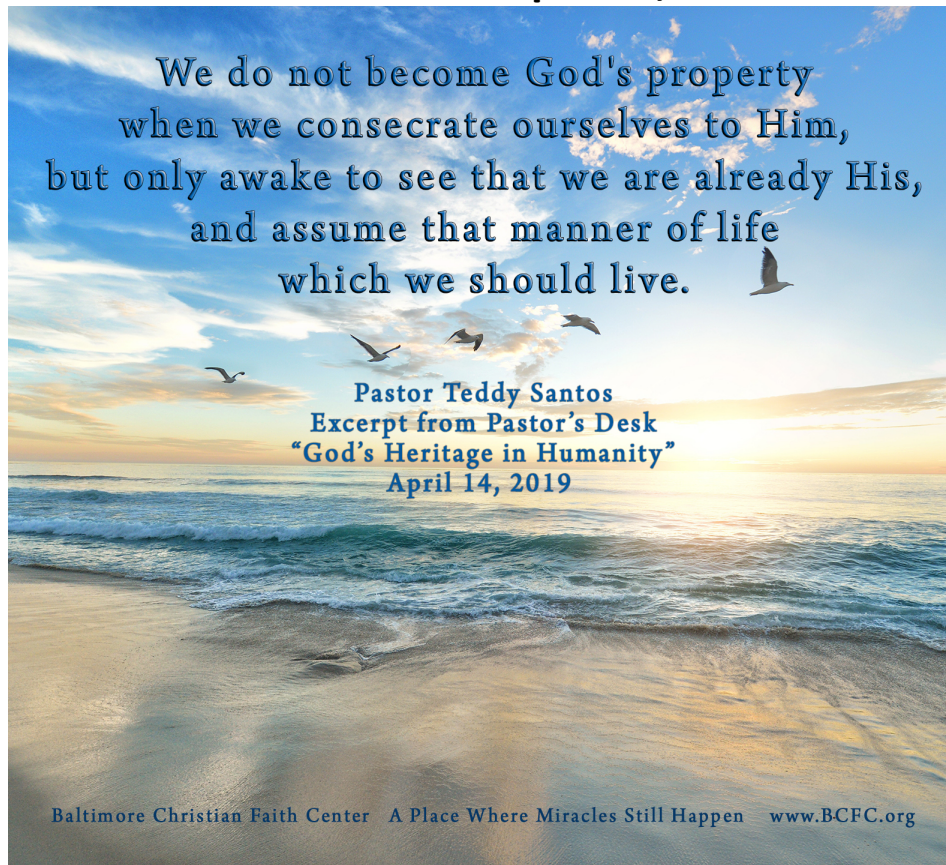


God's Heritage in Humanity

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Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

We do not become God's property when we consecrate ourselves to Him, but only awake to see that we are already His, and assume that manner of life which we should live. The symbols of God's care of His own, as mentioned by Moses in his song, are exquisitely beautiful...

"He kept him as the apple of his eye" (Deu 32:10)

Almost instinctively we raise our hand to protect the eyes if anything threatens us, and it is thus with God's care to us. How carefully the eye is preserved from impurity by the strong bony socket where it's set, by the eyebrows and lashes which catch the dust, by the eyelid closing over, and the tear-water washing it. Thus, the soul which God loves, may pass through the evil of the world without taint or soil, because of His gracious keeping power.

"As an eagle" (Deu 32:11)

When the young eaglets only hover about their nest, unwilling to venture from the cliff, the mother-bird breaks up their cozy home. She then drives the young birds forth on to the air and compels them to use their wings, flutters beneath to catch them if they are inclined to fall, and bears them up on her strong wings until they can fly alone. So, it is in life that sometimes God has to break up the bright conditions to which we have been accustomed, and drive us forth. But it is for our good since only so can we acquire the supreme powers of sustained flight.

His love for us is no passing fancy, but the carrying out of an eternal purpose. He redeems us from the love and power of sin; He abounds towards us with the riches of His grace; we are kept and sealed by the Holy Spirit; and ultimately will be presented before Him, without blemish, to the praise of His glory!

At His service,
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