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Title: Reservations

Theme: Trusting in Jesus is the only way to have a reservation for His kingdom.

Object: Printout of reservations for Canobie Lake Amusement Park.

Text: 1 Peter 1:4 NLT - We have a priceless inheritance--an inheritance that is kept (or reserved) in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

Here Peter is talking about what Christians can look forward to when Jesus comes again.

He says “we have a priceless inheritance.”

Do you know what an inheritance is?

It is something you get as a gift.

Let’s say you have some grandparents that love you very much, and they get old and die.

When they’re dead, they don’t need their house or their property or their car or their money anymore.

So before they die, they make out a will that says who will get their property when they die.

And if they pick you, then you get their property as an inheritance!

Now you didn’t work for it, you didn’t earn it, you don’t deserve it, but because they love you and they’re you grandparents, they give it to you as an inheritance.

Now Peter says that God does something like that.

If you love Jesus and receive Him as your Savior and Lord, God, our Father in heaven, adopts us into His family.

And He gives us all a priceless inheritance.

Now of course, God doesn’t die and leave us all His money. God can never die.

But it’s like an inheritance because it’s a gift that we could never earn and could never deserve.

It is eternal life in the kingdom of God, with God our Father, Jesus our Savior and Lord, the Holy Spirit, the wonderful angels, and all the people who love Jesus, where there is no evil, or sin, or sorrow or pain or tears or death.

That’s the kind of inheritance God wants to give you.

But there is only one way to get that inheritance.

And that is to love Jesus, to ask Him to be your Savior and Lord, to ask Him to forgive your sins.

And when you do, God adopts you into His family.

Now Peter says this inheritance is not your yet, but it is reserved in heaven for you.

Have you ever heard of a reservation?

[Show reservations for Canobie Lake and tell how they were necessary to get into the park. Tell about all the fun we had in the park and all the great things to do.]

A reservation means that no one can take your spot. No one can take your place.

No one can take your inheritance. It’s reserved just for you in heaven.

How many would like to make a reservation this morning for a priceless inheritance.

When we trust Jesus and are adopted into His family, God makes sure we have our inheritance reserved just for us in heaven.

Let’s ask Him t make our reservation today.