

# Heaven's Riches – Ephesians

## Week One – Chapter One

Letter written AD 60

Ephesians was written 12-13 years after Galatians. Acts 13-28 all take place before he writes this letter – covers all three missionary journeys and the letters to the Thessalonians, Corinthians and Romans. He writes this letter in his first Roman imprisonment – 4 years before his death.

Paul's first visit to Ephesus on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey – Acts 18:18-21

Paul's second visit to Ephesus on his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey – Acts 19

- What was the city like? What were the people like and how did they live? What did they worship?
- How did they respond to Paul and to the gospel of grace?

These people had been in great bondage to the enemy! Paul wants them to understand:

- What God \_\_\_\_\_
- The Riches of Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ to them through \_\_\_\_\_

### Ephesians 1:1-2

- How was Paul made an apostle?
- What greetings did he extend to the believers?

**In Christ** (2) – God recognizes two men in the earth, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We are either in \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Holy** (2) – set apart for God with the character and conduct befitting such a state, through your new creation \_\_\_\_\_.

**Grace** is divine unmerited favor, regard and acceptance in God's sight, God's \_\_\_\_\_ in His children.

### Ephesians 1:3-14

- How has our heavenly Father blessed believers (v 3)?
- When did Father God ordain you to be in Christ (4)?
- What was His goal for this (5-6)?
- What does the work of Christ do for the believer (7)?
- Notice the Riches He gives us (8-10).

**Redemption** (7) – a releasing from slavery or death penalty on payment of a ransom. In this case, freedom from the penalty of sin. 1 Peter 1:18-21.

- Why did God select and ordain you (11)?
- What is the heart of Father's plan (12-13)?
- What is Holy Spirit's role in the lives of those called to receive Heaven's Riches in Christ (13-14)?

**Covenant** (1:13)). An agreement made between two parties. The word can mean treaty, pact, contract or will. A marriage covenant, business contract or a political treaty is usually two sided; each party makes certain promises to the other. God's agreement with us is thoroughly one sided (example of Abraham); Father God made promises, and our response is to accept them. This one sidedness emphasizes inheritance, 'covenant' is often translated as 'will' in context to God. Father God is One who made the promises is ever living!

Chosen by the \_\_\_\_\_. Redeemed by the \_\_\_\_\_. Sealed by the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ephesians 1:15-23

- What was Paul's motivation to pray for the Ephesians (15-16)?
- What four specific things did Paul pray for?
  1. What is the purpose of having wisdom and revelation (17)?

He then prays the eyes of their innermost \_\_\_\_\_ to be flooded with the light of God until they \_\_\_\_\_...

2. the full revelation of our confident \_\_\_\_\_(18)
  3. the \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth (His blessings) available (18)
  4. the measureless \_\_\_\_\_ of God made available to you (19)
- How does Paul describe this power (19-20)?
  - Where is Christ now (20-21)?
  - What did Father God place under Jesus' authority (22)? 1 John 2:8.
  - The Kingdom of God is advancing!! Light is aggressively taking ground away from darkness. How do we know that? Five progressive statements Scripture that says we move from
    - Brighter to \_\_\_\_\_ – Prov 4:18
    - Grace to \_\_\_\_\_ – John 1:16
    - Strength to \_\_\_\_\_ – Psalm 84:7
    - Faith to \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 1:17
    - Glory to \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Corinthians 3:18
  - What does this mean for your everyday life (23)?

**Going Deeper This Week:** Spend some extended time with Father God, Jesus and Holy Spirit reviewing what you learned this week in Ephesians 1. Ask Him to speak to you and record in your journal what you sense Him showing, saying, and highlighting to your heart. Dialogue with Him through these questions as well:

- Looking over the chart of What Father God did for you and the Love Gift of Riches available to you, what difference will these truths have on your life from this day forward?
- Consider the diagram of where Christ is and where you are in relation to Him according to verses 20-21. Now consider every situation you have going on in your life right now. Where do they fit on the diagram?
- Take a few minutes each day this week to close your eyes, sit back and fellowship with Him in your heart. Thank Father God for how He sees you because of Jesus. Thank Him for the truth of how you need to see yourself and make any adjustments to renew your mind to His truth. Let Him speak into your heart the words of love and encouragement you need to hear each day. Allow Him to shower you in His delight!

**What Father God Did for Me – My True Identity****Love Gift of Riches Available to Me in Christ**

1:2 Made Holy by being one with Jesus	1:2 Grace and total well-being into my life
1:3 He sees me as being in Christ	1:3 Everything Heaven contains lavished on me
1:4 Chose me as His own, Ordained me, Holy in His eyes	
1:5 I am adopted as His delightful child	1:5 Tremendous grace cascades over me
1:7 I am now joined to Christ – Sins totally cancelled	1:7 Treasures of salvation by His blood, more grace!
1:8 Superabundant grace powerfully working in me	1:8 All forms of wisdom and practical understanding
1:11 God selected, ordained me His own inheritance through my union with Christ	1:11 A destiny or estate to fulfill His plan, to accomplish every purpose and plan in His heart
1:13 At my salvation Holy Spirit stamped, sealed me	1:13 Guaranteed rights of my Covenant with Father
1:14 I am made alive in Christ	1:14 Holy Spirit is my hope promise, all redemption promises, complete freedom
1:17 One with Christ	1:17 Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation
1:18 His true inheritance	1:18 Confident Hope, Riches of Wealth (Blessings)
	1:19 Measureless Resurrection Power
1:20 I am raised to new life by Resurrection Power	
1:20 I am seated IN Jesus in the Heavenly Realms	
1:23 I am His church, His body on the earth, the completion of Him	1:23 His presence flows through me and from me to fill all things with His love gift of Riches!