

## **One – Studies in Ephesians**

The Riches of God's Grace

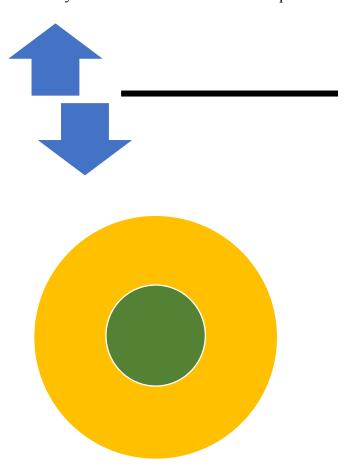
<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he<sup>[b]</sup> predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV)

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The symphony of Ephesians 1
Verse one (1:3-6): <i>Praise to God the Father for his wonderful plan (past)</i> God is the of all blessing.
Verse two (1:7-12): <i>Praise to the Son for accomplishing our redemption (present)</i> Jesus Christ is the by which these blessings are delivered to us
Verse three (13-14): <i>Praise to the Holy Spirit for his assurance and hope for the future (future)</i> The Holy Spirit is the giver of and
Chorus: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. To the praise of his glorious grace. For the praise of his glory. To the praise of his glory.
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Verse 4 –
Verse 5 –
Verse 6 –
Verse 7 –
Verse 8 –
Verse 9 –
Verse 11 –

"The heavenly realms" – the unseen world of spiritual reality



<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- 1:3
- 1:20
- 2:6
- 3:10
- 6:12

## Daniel 10

## A.W Tozer

- The riches we receive at salvation: Forgiveness, justification, adoption, baptism into his life...
- The riches that come to us through inheritance, but which we can't enjoy until the next life.
- The riches that are ours through Christ's victory on the cross, but blessings that will not come to us unless we make a determined effort to seek God and possess all he wants for us.

God cannot make us *more godly* than we want to be. Take hold of the riches of God's grace.