

Redemptive Riches Revealed and Relished

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 41
Ephesians 1 (ad hoc translation of Greek text by Pastor Phillips)

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I. Introduction (1:1–2)

¹ Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and believers¹ in Christ Jesus: ² grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A. _____essing (1:1)

1. Writer
2. Readers

B. _____essing (1:2)

1. Grace and peace...
2. ...from
 - a. God our Father
 - b. The Lord Jesus Christ

II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3–3:21)

A. God's Extravagant Provisions: Riches Revealed (1:3–14)

1. The Father's work (1:3–6)

Blessed *is* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, ⁴ because² He chose us *to be* in Him before the foundation of the world, *for* us to be holy and blameless before Him in love, ⁵ predestining us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself, in accord with the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved One,

2. The Son's work (1:7–12)

⁷ in whom we have redemption by means of His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the wealth of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound unto us; in all wisdom and intelligence ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, in accord with His good pleasure which He planned³ in Him, ¹⁰ for administration in the fullness of the seasons, to head up all things in Christ, the things in⁴ the heavens and the things on the earth; in Him, ¹¹ in whom also we were made a heritage, having been predestined in accord with the plan⁵ of Him who operates all things in accord with the counsel of His will, ¹² for us to be for the praise of His glory, *we* who have set *our* hope beforehand in Christ,

3. The Spirit's work (1:13–14)

¹³ in whom you also, when *you* heard the word of truth, the good news⁶ of your salvation – in whom also, when *you* believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,⁷ ¹⁴ who is the down-payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of His⁸ possession, unto the praise of His glory!

¹ Or *faithful*.

² Or *for*, or *just as*.

³ Or *purposed*.

⁴ Literally *on*.

⁵ Or *purpose*.

⁶ Commonly *gospel*.

⁷ Literally *the Holy Spirit of promise*.

⁸ Literally *the*, the article standing for the pronoun.

B. Paul's E_____ Prayer: Riches Relished (1:15–23)

1. His con_____ (v. 15)

For this reason I, for my part, since hearing of your own faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love which *you show* unto all the holy ones,

2. His con_____ (v. 16)

I do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you⁹ during my prayers,

3. His con_____ (vv. 17-23)

a. Overall: that their spirits be ruled by revealed wisdom (vv. 17-18a) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give you a spirit¹⁰ of revelation-based wisdom¹¹ in the full knowledge of Him,¹⁸ — the eyes of your heart having been enlightened

b. Specifically: that they deeply understand... (vv. 18b-23)
— so that you would understand¹² what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power unto us who believe by virtue of¹³ the working¹⁴ of the might of His strength,²⁰ which He worked¹⁵ in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name which is named, not only in this age but also in the coming *one*;²² and He subordinated all things under His feet, and gave Him *as* Head over all things to the church,²³ which is His body, the fullness of¹⁶ Him who fills all with all.¹⁷

- i. ... the _____ His **call** provides (v. 18b)

- ii. ... the riches of the glory of His **inheritance** in the saints (v. 18c)

- iii. ... the surpassing greatness of His _____ towards believers (vv. 19-23)

- (1) Its display: their saving **faith** (v. 19)

- (2) Its measure: (vv. 20-23)

- (a) It **raised** Christ (v. 20a)
(b) It **seated** Christ (vv. 20b-21)
(c) It **subordinated** all under Christ (v. 22a)
(d) It **gave** Christ as head over all to the church (vv. 22b-23)

⁹ Some manuscripts do not contain *of you*; if absent, it would be implied, regardless.

¹⁰ Or *the Spirit*."

¹¹ Literally *wisdom and revelation*; a hendiadys. Or possibly *spiritual wisdom and revelation*.

¹² Or *know*.

¹³ Or *according to*.

¹⁴ Or *exertion, operation*.

¹⁵ Or *exerted, operated*.

¹⁶ Or *that which is filled by*.

¹⁷ Each *all* is plural and neuter: *all things*.