



Building Fund



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Lessons from the Churches: Ephesus

Ephesians: Our Riches in Christ 5.24.26

Big Idea: Far too many Christians only see salvation as an escape from Hell with a promised future in Heaven, and while we wait to get there, we are to do some good works along the way. Though true, that limited concept of Christianity hinders a believer from experiencing the abundant life found in Christ.

- Our goal is to learn what the various churches got wrong and avoid it, and learn what they got right and **duplicate** it.
- God has provided for His church self-critiquing and self-correcting principles in **Scripture**.
- **Wealth** of the believer 1-3 **Walk** of the believer 4-6
- Our riches in Christ 1-3 Our responsibility to Christ 4-6

→ Ephesians is the treasure house of the Lord's church.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 ²³Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and **knows Me**, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, (peculiar – KJV) that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once were not a people but are now the **people of God**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become **new**.

- New status - family of GOD
- New meaning - we live for GOD
- New desires - pursuit of things that honor GOD
- New destiny - we will join GOD for all eternity
- New perspective - eternal worldview
- In Ephesians 1, we learn that our riches were planned by the Father, purchased by the Son, and presented by the Spirit.
- **1:1-14 Praise to GOD** **1:15-22 Prayer to GOD**

A key passage to the letter is... **Ephesians 1:9-10** having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰that in the dispensation (plan ESV) of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

All that sin has damaged, distorted, and destroyed, Christ is restoring one life at a time... creating a new people... a community of faith. The Lord's church is called to be a model; it is to provide a preview of what it looks like when GOD connects the things of Heaven with the things of Earth.

→ Use the following outline from Warren Wiersbe in your personal reading and study:

I. Doctrine: Our Riches in Christ	Chapters 1-3
A. Our spiritual possessions in Christ	1:4-14
1. From the Father	1:4-6
2. From the Son	1:7-12
3. From the Spirit	1:13-14
*First Prayer – for enlightenment	1:15-23
B. Our spiritual position in Christ	2:1-22
1. Raised and seated on the throne	2:1-10
2. Reconciled and set into the temple	2:11-22
*Second Prayer – for enablement	3:1-21
(vv. 2-13 are a parenthesis)	
II. Duty: Our Responsibilities in Christ	Chapters 4-6
A. Walk in unity	4:1-16
B. Walk in purity	4:17-5:17
1. Walk not as other Gentiles	4:17-32
2. Walk in love	5:1-6
3. Walk as children of light	5:7-14
4. Walk carefully	5:15-17
C. Walk in harmony	5:18-6:9
1. Husbands and wives	5:18-33
2. Parents and children	6:1-4
3. Masters and servants	6:5-9
D. Walk in victory	6:10-24

5.31.26 @ 9:15 Pastries in the Pavilion

6.7.26 @ 9:15 Last Lesson in Foundation Q19 - Psalms

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