# Ephesians



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# Background

Author: Paul

■ Recipients: Ephesian believers

■ Place: Rome / Prison

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- Purpose: Preventive maintenance
- Theme: The believers' wealth and walk

- Outline:
  - ◆ Orthodoxy 1-3
  - ◆ Orthopraxy 4-6

#### What Is It About?

The believer's wealth is described to help believers live in accordance with it.



#### What Is Inside?



### Ephesians 1 (wealth)

Riches



◆ Riches described (v. 3-14)

◆ Prayer for comprehension (v. 15-23)

# Our Trinitarian Blessings

■ Blessings (v. 3-14)

- Chosen by Father
- ◆ Redeemed by Son
- Sealed by Spirit



■ Prayer for comprehension (v. 15-23)

## "Predestined"



"God has determined beforehand that those who believe in Christ will be adopted into His family and conformed to His Son"

-Charles Ryrie

### Chosen by the Father (1:3-6)

Three blessings from the Father

- ◆ Every blessing
- Holy and blameless
- Adoption

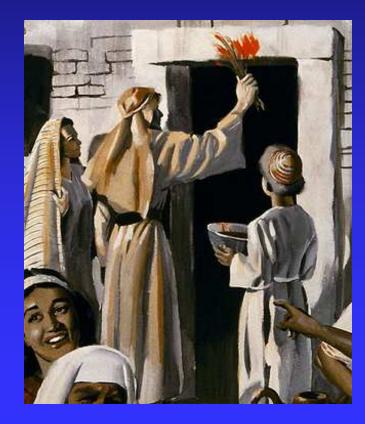


Praise to the Father

### Redeemed by the Son (1:7-12)

- Four blessings from the Son
  - ◆ Redemption
  - ◆ Forgiveness
  - ◆ Revelation
  - ◆ Inheritance

■ Praise to the Son



#### 3 Phases of Salvation

■ Justification: freedom from sin's penalty

**Sanctification**: freedom from sin's power

■ Glorification: freedom from sin's presence

# Sealed by the Spirit (1:13-14)

■ Two blessings from the Spirit

◆ Seal

◆ Pledge

Praise to the Spirit



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## Paul's Prayer (1:15-23)

Eyes opened

- Understand three realities
  - ◆ Hope of the divine calling
  - ◆ Riches of His glorious inheritance
  - Greatness of God's majesty

#### The Exalted Christ (1:19-23)

- Father's power
- Son's resurrection
- Son's present session
- Son's authority
- Son's headship



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