

Ephesians

The Walk of
Unity!



What Is It About?

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



Ephesians 1 (wealth)

- Riches (1)



- ◆ Riches described (1:1-14)

- ◆ Prayer for comprehension (1:15-23)

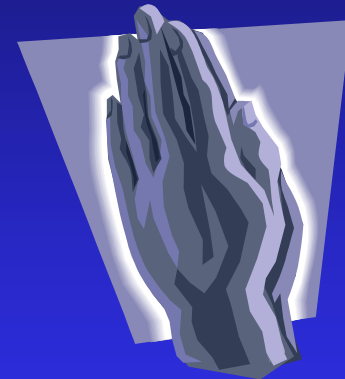
Ephesians 2–3 (wealth)

- Position (2–3)

- ◆ Individual (2:1-10)

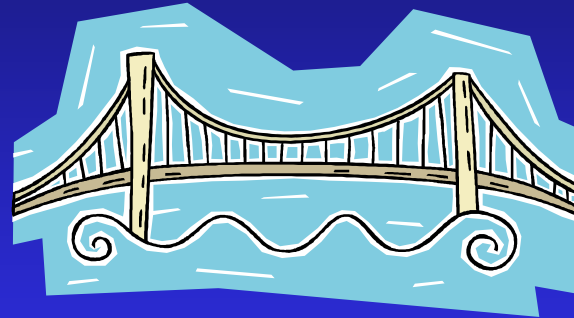
- ◆ Corporate (2:11–3:13)

- ◆ Prayer for comprehension (3:14-21)



What Is Inside?

1-3



4-6

ORTHODOXY

ORTHOPRAXY

What Is Inside?

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Relationship

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Responsibility

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Behavior

Practice

What Is Inside?

1–3

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Position

Privileges

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Position and Practice

- Positional unity-Eph 2:11–3:13
- Practical unity-Eph 4:1-16

Ephesians 4:1-16

- Exhortation: walk in unity (4:1-3)
- Common doctrine: establishing unity (4:4-6)
- Spiritual gifts: creating unity (4:7-16)

Ephesians 4:1-3

- Exhortation: walk in unity (4:1)
- Character attributes establishing unity (4:2)
- Exhortation: walk in unity (4:3)

Character Attributes Creating Unity (4:2)

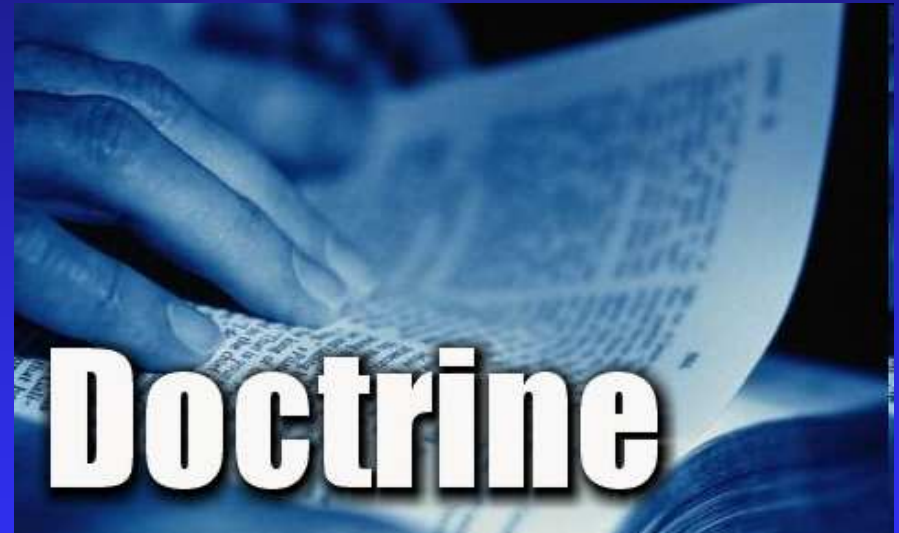
- Humility
- Gentleness
- Patience
- Tolerance
- Love



Common Doctrine

Establishing Unity (4:4-6)

- One body
- One Holy Spirit
- One hope
- One Lord
- One faith
- One baptism
- One God and Father



Spiritual Gifts: Creating Unity (4:7-16)

- Reality of the gifts (4:7)
- Reason for the gifts (4:8-10)
- Enumeration of the gifts (4:11)
- Purpose of the gifts (4:12-16)



■ “GIFTS TO MEN”



“Paul uses an illustration from Ps 68:18 in which the triumphant warrior is elevated when he returns with hosts of prisoners receiving gifts from the conquered people and distributing gifts to his followers”

-Charles Ryrie

■ “CHRIST’S DESCENT”



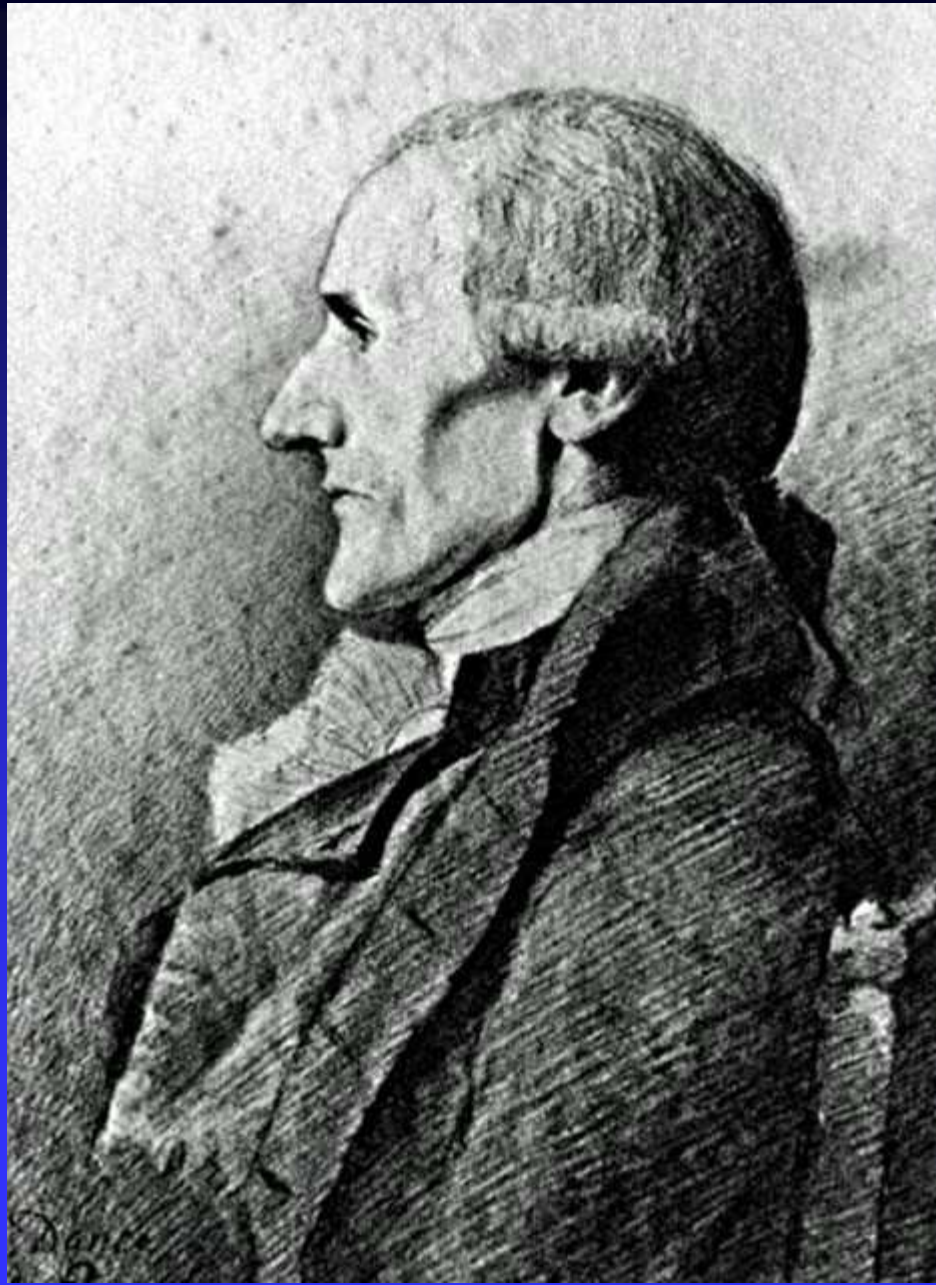
“Of the earth is better understood as an appositional phrase meaning that Jesus Christ descended at His incarnation into the lower parts of the universe, namely the earth”

-Charles Ryrie

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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4





Purpose of the Gifts (4:12-16)

- Equipping of the saints (4:12)
- Maturity of the saints (4:13-16)
 - ◆ What maturity looks like (4:13,15-16)
 - ◆ What immaturity looks like (4:14)

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Application

- What are my spiritual gifts?
- Am I pursuing unity?
- Am I maturing?