

Ephesians

Three
Dimensional
Warfare!



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)

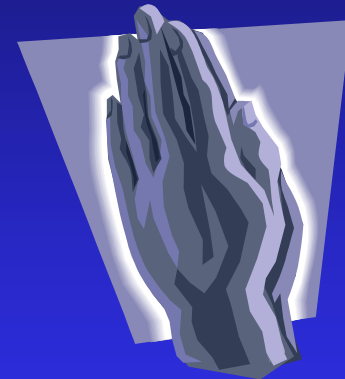
Ephesians 2–3 (wealth)

- Position (2–3)

- ◆ Individual (2:1-10)

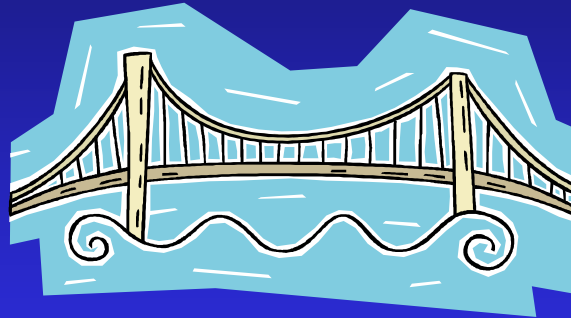
- ◆ Corporate (2:11–3:13)

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



What Is Inside?

1-3



4-6

ORTHODOXY

ORTHOPRAXY

What Is Inside?

1–3

Relationship

4–6

Responsibility

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No imperatives

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What Is Inside?

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Responsibility

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Orthopraxy

Wisdom

Behavior

Practice

What Is Inside?

1–3

Relationship

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Privileges

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Responsibility

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Position and Practice



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

Position and Practice

- Positional holiness

- ◆ Eph 1:4

- Practical holiness

- ◆ Eph 4:17-32



Ephesians 5:1-17

- Walk of love (1-6)
- Walk of light (7-14)
- Walk of wisdom (15-17)



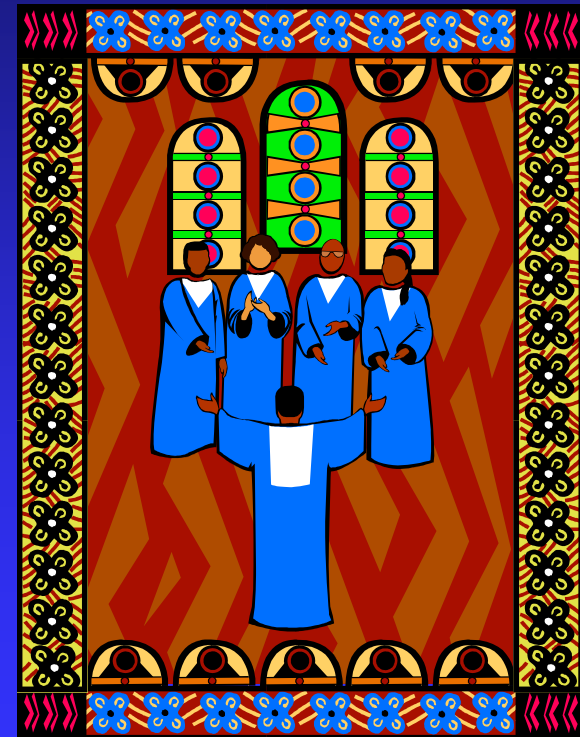
Ephesians 5:18-21

- Negative command (18a)
- Positive command (18b)
- Consequences (19-21)



Consequences of Spirit Control (19-21)

- Public worship (19a)
- Private worship (19b)
- Thanksgiving (20)
- Submission (21)



Submission (5:21-6:9)

- Submission (5:21)
- Marriage (5:22-33)
- Parent-child (6:1-4)
- Slave-master (6:5-9)

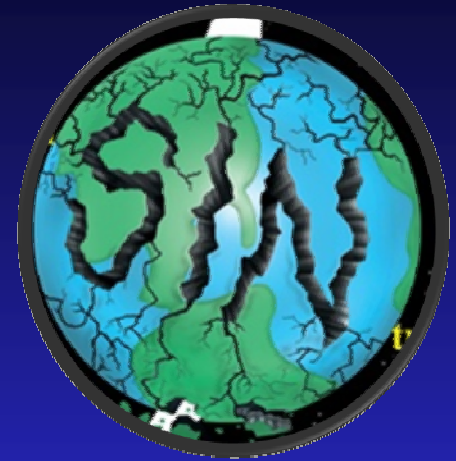


Walk of Warfare

- Ephesians 6:10-20
- Wealth makes us a target



Flesh



- Adamic nature (Jer 17:9)
- Works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21)
- New nature (2 Pet 1:4)
- Flesh is defeated but not annihilated

Victory Over The Flesh

- Our baptism into Christ (Rom 6)
- Obedience to the Adamic nature?
 - ◆ Before salvation: inevitable
 - ◆ After salvation: choice



World System



- *Kosmos*
- A system of philosophy which excludes God and alienates our affections from Him (1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim 4:10)
- Satanically controlled and energized (2 Cor 4:4)

Victory Over The World System

- Mental Renewal (Rom 12:2)
- Acknowledgment of Christ in you (1 John 4:4)



Satan's Original Sin (Isaiah 14:12-15)

5 "I will" statements



Ascend to heaven (13)

Raise my throne above the stars of
God (13)

Sit enthroned on Mt. of Assembly (14)

Ascend above the tops of clouds (14)

Make myself like the Most High (14)

Satan's Original Sin (Isaiah 14:12-15)

Consequences

- 1) Fell (15)
- 2) Name changed from Lucifer (12) to Satan (Matt 16:23)
- 3) Banished from heaven (12)



Satan's First Sin (Ezekiel 28:12-17)

A. Attributes

- ◆ Creature (15)
- ◆ Angel (14, 16)
- ◆ Powerful (14)
- ◆ Without sin (15)
- ◆ Beautiful (12)
- ◆ Intelligent (12)

B. Nature of 1st sin (17)



Satan's Original State and First Sin



Consequences

- ◆ Fell (16-17)
- ◆ Retains some access to heaven (Job 1:6)
- ◆ Some angels fell with him (14)
- ◆ Fallen angels confirmed in wickedness (Matt 25:41)

Satan's Names and Titles

- Lucifer (2 Cor 11:14)
- Satan (Zech 3:1)
- Devil (Matt 4:11)
- Serpent of old (Rev 12:9)
- Destroyer (Rev 9:11)
- Dragon (Rev 12:9)
- Evil one (1 John 5:19)
- Belial (2 Cor 6:15)
- Thief (John 10:10)



Satan's Names and Titles

- Prince of this world (John 12:31)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph 2:2)
- God of this age (2 Cor 4:4)
- Beelzebub (Luke 11:15)
- Tempter (Matt 4:3)
- Accuser of the brethren (Rev 12:10)
- Father of lies and murderer (John 8:44)
- Roaring lion and adversary (1 Pet 5:8)
- Enemy (Matt 13:39)

Satan's Works

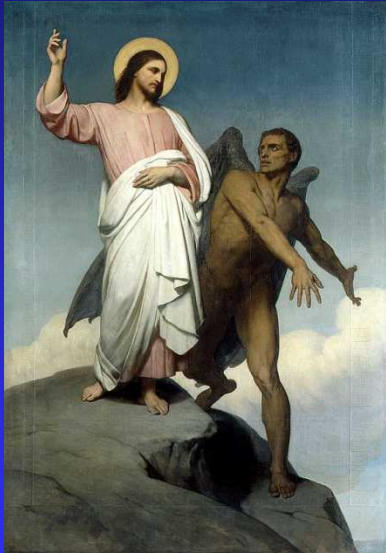
■ A. Past

- ◆ Lied to Adam and Eve (Gen 3:1ff)
- ◆ Accused and afflicted Job (Job 1–2)
- ◆ Tempted David to take a census (1 Chr 21:1)
- ◆ Accused Joshua (Zech 3:1-3)



Satan's Works

■ A. Past (Cont'd)



- ◆ Tempted Christ (Matt 4:1-11)
- ◆ Tested Peter (Luke 22:31-33)
- ◆ Possessed Judas (John 13:27)
- ◆ Hindered Paul (1 Thess 2:18)
- ◆ Afflicted Paul (2 Cor 12:7-10)
- ◆ Influenced Ananias and Sapphira to lie (Acts 5:3-4, 8)

Satan's Works

■ B. Present

- ◆ Snatches God's Word (Luke 8:12)
- ◆ Rules world (1 John 5:19)
- ◆ Blinds the mind (2 Cor 4:4)
- ◆ Sends false ministers (2 Cor 11:14-15)
- ◆ Sends false gospels (2 Cor 11:3-4)
- ◆ Sows unbelievers among believers (Matt 13:38-39)
- ◆ Performs miracles (2 Thess 2:9)
- ◆ Promotes immorality (Eph 2:1-3)

Satan's Works

■ B. Present (cont'd)

- ◆ Tempts God's people (1 Cor 7:5)
- ◆ Uses carnal Christians (Eph 4:26-27)
- ◆ Causes physical problems (Luke 13:11, 16)
- ◆ Influences government (Dan 10:10ff)
- ◆ Lies (John 8:44)
- ◆ Deceives (Rev 12:9; 20:3)





Satan's Future

- World government (Rev 13:3-4)
- Oppose the 2nd Advent (Rev 17:14)
- Attempt to annihilate Israel (Rev 12)
- Bound (Rev 20:1-3)
- Lead a final rebellion (Rev 20:7-9)
- Cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:10)

Demonic Works

- ◆ Satan's lack of omnipresence (Job 1:7; 2:2) forces him to work through demons (Matt 12:24; 25:41; Rev 12:7; 2 Cor 12:7)
- ◆ Promote false religion (1 Cor 10:20; 1 Tim 4:1)
- ◆ Afflict the mind (Mark 5:3, 5)
- ◆ Afflict the body (Matt 12:22; Mark 9:22; Luke 13:11, 16)
- ◆ Hinder believers' prayers (Dan 10:12-20)



Satan's Progressive Defeat

- Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
- Eden (Gen 3:15)
- Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
- Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
- Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
- End of millennium (Rev 20:10)



Victory Over The Satanic System

- Our defensive posture (Eph 6:13)
- The sufficiency of the armor (Eph 6:10)



Three Dimensional Warfare

- Flesh
- World
- Devil

