

Ephesians

6:1-9

God's Order In
Family and
Business!



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)

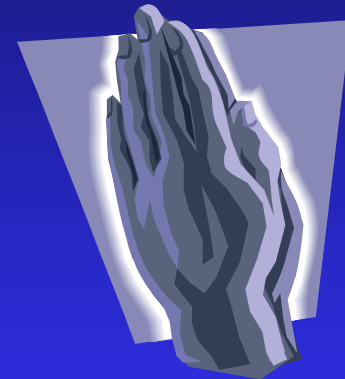
Ephesians 2–3 (wealth)

- Position (2–3)

- ◆ Individual (2:1-10)

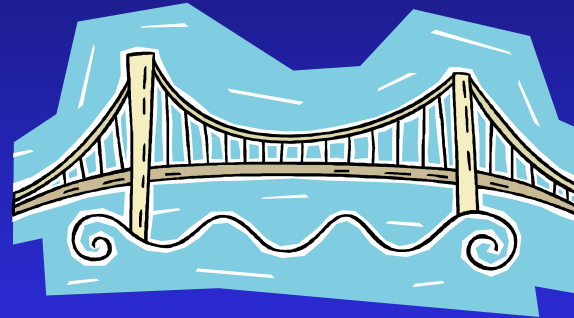
- ◆ Corporate (2:11–3:13)

- ◆ 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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Practice

What Is Inside?

1–3

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Privileges

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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)



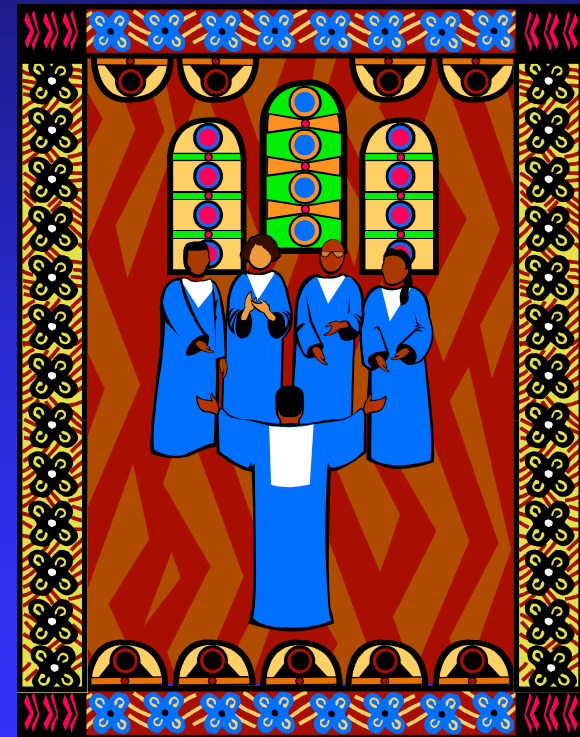
Ephesians 5:18-21

- 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)



Ephesians 5:22-33

- Wife's role (22-24)
- Husband's role (25-33)



Eph 6:1-9 Outline

- Child-parent (6:1-4)
 - ◆ Children (1-3)
 - ◆ Parents (4)
- Slave-master (6:5-9)
 - ◆ Slaves (4-8)
 - ◆ Masters (9)

Children (6:1-3)

- Obedience (1)

- Honor (2-3)



Parents (6:4)

- Transmission of spiritual truth
- Do not exasperate



Why Did the Apostles not Condemn Slavery?

- Had the apostles condemned slavery, then Rome would have taken away their freedom to evangelize.
- The apostles' ministry involved the salvation of souls rather than social reform.

Why Did the Apostles not Condemn Slavery?

- Perhaps the apostles knew that the gospel, with its emphasis upon human rights, would one day lead to the abolition of slavery.
- The apostles did speak out against masters mistreating their slaves (Col 4:1; 1 Pet 2:18-20).
- Paul supported emancipation whenever possible (1 Cor 7:21; Phlm 21).

Slaves/employees (6:5-8)

- Obedience to earthly masters (5a)
- Seven characteristics of obedience (5b-7)
 - ◆ Reverence (5)
 - ◆ Sincerity (5)
 - ◆ As to Christ (5)



Slaves/employees (6:5-8)

- Obedience to earthly masters (5a)
- Seven characteristics of obedience (5b-7)
 - ◆ Consistency (6)
 - ◆ Proper motives (6)
 - ◆ Attitude of good will (7)
 - ◆ As to the Lord (7)



God Rewards (6:8)

- God rewards faithful service
- God rewards unrecognized service
- Earthly rewards
- Heavenly rewards



Masters (6:9)

- Do the same things
- Do not threaten
- Accountability



God Cares About the Laborer

- Mosaic Law (Lev 25:53; Duet 25:4; 24:17)
- Condemnation of exploitation of the poor (Amos 4:1-2; Jas 5:1-6)
- God incarnate was a carpenter



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