

Wealth (Ephesians 1-3)

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I. Introduction.

A. God has given us the book of Ephesians so that we will know the rich inheritance that we will receive as believers.

B. We can never write a spiritual check that God cannot cover.

II. We have five treasures in Christ.

A. Adoption.

1. An adopted son has the same legal standing as a natural heir.

2. We have the same rights and responsibilities as Jesus Christ.

B. Redemption.

1. God could not have us in His family as rebels.

2. Redemption means to buy back something.

C. Inheritance. This is life (John 10:10), and it is a hundred fold in the next.

D. Sealing with the Spirit—the down payment.

1. We have a guarantee of approval.

2. The Spirit is the promise of final redemption.

E. Perspective.

1. God's calling produces hope.

2. God wants us to live in hope in light of the tremendous investment He has in us.

III. Evidences of these treasures.

A. God's grace.

1. By grace we are saved.

2. Day by day we experience God's kindness and mercy.
3. We must be careful not to fail the test of grace.

B. God's peace.

1. Every hostility has been reconciled in Jesus Christ.
2. We all have equal access to the Father in Jesus Christ.
3. We have been reconciled with one another. (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15)

IV. Our response. We are to communicate God's grace by what we say and the way we live.

Application questions:

1. Which of the treasures stands out to you the most? What strikes you about it?

2. What does it look like to live a life of hope?

3. How have you experienced the evidences of the treasures? Explain.
