

# 3 Things the Church Needs To See

Ephesians 1:15-23

## Part 2

# The Riches of His Glorious Inheritance

*As we saw in part one, the Apostle Paul had a powerful prayer placed on his heart for the people of God: he wants their eyes to be opened so they can see clearly who they are and what they can be in Christ. Not only does the church need to see the hope to which they're called, but they also need to see the riches of their inheritance as saints.*

## *the ABUNDANCE*

*The word "riches" in this text should grab our attention. The Greek word refers to abundance, fullness, and plenty. Paul was literally praying for the children of God to see how rich they are. Sometimes we are blind to this reality; we get \_\_\_\_\_ by **false riches (Matthew 13:22)** and end up \_\_\_\_\_ **real riches (Romans 2:4)**!*

- *Real riches run \_\_\_\_\_ in the knowledge and judgment of God (**Romans 11:33**)  
He didn't have to tell us **anything**, He hasn't even told us **everything**, and the things He has told us we could never fully grasp in a lifetime!*
- *The riches of God's grace equal the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins (**Ephesians 1:7**)  
We often fail to appreciate how much God has to wipe from our record in order for us to be with Him...and how high the price was!*
- *There are greater riches in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ than in all the wealth of "Egypt" (**Hebrews 11:26**)  
Your worst day with the Lord is always going to be better than your best day without Him!*

# *the ADOPTION*

*The riches of God consist in the inheritance that we are positioned to receive. We are the children of God by faith in Christ (**Galatians 3:26**) and we stand to receive glorious blessings in the world to come, blessings which start to flow even in this present world (**Ephesians 1:13-14**).*

➤ *“...we should be **MADE heirs...**” (**Titus 3:4-7**)*

*We are sons of God, but the “depth of the riches” is in how we became such. There is only one \_\_\_\_\_ Son, and that is Jesus (**John 3:16**). He is a son by **nature**; the rest of us had to be **adopted** (**Romans 8:15-17**). Adoption is a profound manifestation of grace because it is taking that which is **NOT** your own and treating it like it **IS**!*

➤ *“...**the inheritance of the SAINTS...**” (**Colossians 1:12**)*

*We are made \_\_\_\_\_ to be partakers of this glorious inheritance. That means we are equipped and rendered fit; we are qualified for something that we otherwise could not qualify for. The inheritance is for the **SANCTIFIED** (**Acts 20:32, 26:18**), and God does this wonderful work in His faithful children by His truth (**John 17:17**).*

➤ *“...**an inheritance INCORRUPTIBLE...**” (**I Peter 1:4**)*

*Our heavenly blessings have no \_\_\_\_\_ date! Furthermore, they are **undefiled**; they can't be contaminated or soiled. Finally, they **do not fade away**; they can't be diminished over time or consumed before you get to them.*