

You Are Blessed and Really, Really Rich! Ephesians 1:3-14

Introduction

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In his commentary *Be Rich: Gaining Things That Money Can't Buy*, Warren Wiersbe opens up his study with this statement:

Each book in the Bible has its own special theme and message, even though it may deal with many different topics. Genesis is the book of beginnings; Matthew is the book of the kingdom; Galatians is the book of liberty. Ephesians 1:3 states its theme: the Christian's riches in Christ.

The source of our blessings:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” God the Father has made us rich in Jesus Christ! When you were born again into God's family, you were born rich. Through Christ, you share in the riches of God's grace (Eph. 1:7; 2:7), God's glory (Eph. 1:18; 3:16), God's mercy (Eph. 2:4), and “the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Eph. 3:8). Our Heavenly Father is not poor; He is rich—and He has made us rich in His Son.¹

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Eph 1:3). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.

Let's take a look at these blessings and the purpose behind them. And let's consider what our heart response should be in light of understanding these truths.

THE OUTLINE (V. 18)

- The Hope of His Calling (Past)
- The Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance (Future)
- The Greatness of His Power (Present)

THE PASSAGE

- Past (Father) (vv. 3-6)
- Present (Son) (vv. 7-12)
- Future (Holy Spirit) (vv. 13-14)

THE FRUIT OF BEING BLESSED (VV. 15-16)

- Faith that lives love for one another
- Thankfulness for one another
- Prayer for one another

THINGS TO CONSIDER

1. Is your faith and love for others active and growing?

2. Are you thankful and in prayer for others?
3. Are you an active part of the Body of Christ here at Salem Heights Church?