

**OUR RICHES IN CHRIST**  
**Ephesians 1:15-23**

- I. **Pray we would possess our riches in Christ in a way that causes people to praise God (15-16).**
- A. **Praise God for our salvation in Jesus.**  
Colossians 1:3-4: **We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praying always for you, **since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus** and of your love for all the saints.
- B. **Praise God for our love for each other.**  
1 John 3:14: We know that we have passed from death to life, **because we love the brethren**. He who does not love his brother abides in death.
- II. **Pray we would possess our riches in Christ in a way of continued understanding (17-20).**
- A. **An understanding of the hope we have (16-18a).**  
2 Corinthians 4:6: For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, **who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.
- Colossians 1:27: To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**.
- B. **An understanding of the value we have (18b).**  
Colossians 1:12: giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light**.
- C. **An understanding of the power we have (19).**  
Colossians 1:11: strengthened with all might, **according to His glorious power**, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.
- III. **Pray we would possess our riches in Christ in a way that sees the greatness of God's person (20-23).**
- A. **As seen in Christ's resurrection (20).**  
Acts 2:24: **whom God raised up**, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
- B. **As seen in Christ's enthronement (21).**  
Philippians 2:9-10: Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name**, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

- C. As seen in Christ's authority over the world (22).**  
Psalm 8:6: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; **You have put all things under his feet.**
- D. As seen in Christ's authority over the church (23).**  
Colossians 1:18: And **He is the head of the body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, **that in all things He may have the preeminence.**