

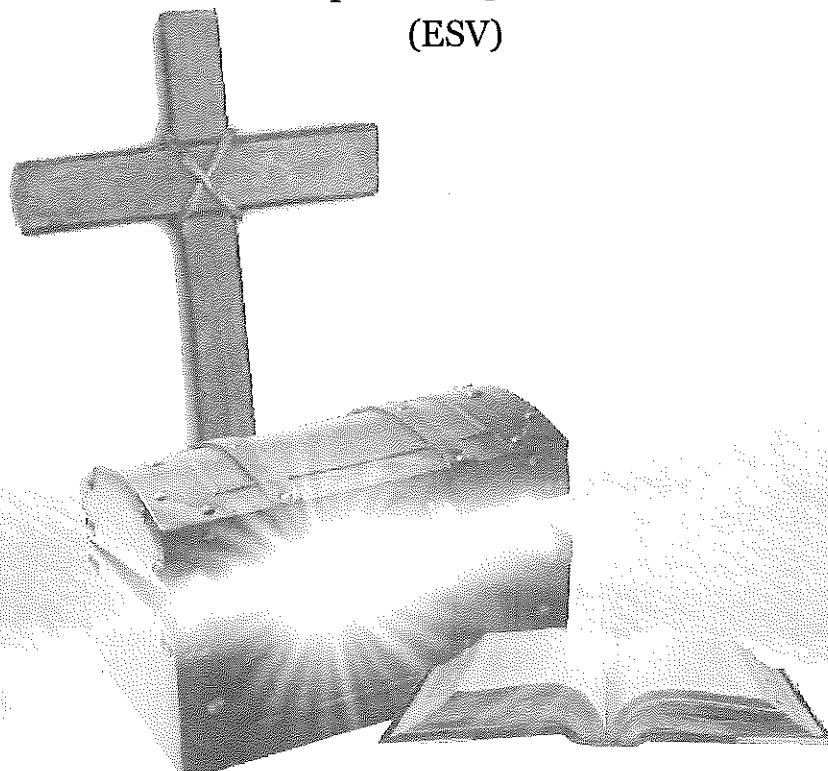
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 10

The *Treasure* of Boundless Love

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21
(ESV)



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THE TREASURE OF GOD'S LIMITLESS PROVISION

A. What was Paul's posture? 3:14-15

1. Paul kneels because of the **message** he was delivering.
2. Paul kneels because of the **impact** of the Father's love.

B. What were Paul's petitions?

1. He petitions for **strength**. 3:16
 - a. Through God's **abundance**

"We need to be like the little boy who was heard to say when he fell into a barrel of molasses, Lord make my capability equal to this opportunity."

Stuart Brisco

b. Through the **power** of the Holy Spirit

2. He petitions for Jesus' **inhabitation**. 3:17a
 - a. The **fact** of it
 - b. The **comfort** of it

3. He petitions for love's **abundance**. 3:17b-19a
 - a. A **lifestyle** of it
 - b. An **understanding** of it
 1. The **dimensions**

"It 'love' is so long that your old age cannot wear it out, so long your continual tribulation cannot exhaust it, your successive temptations shall not drain it dry, like eternity itself it knows no bounds."

Charles Spurgeon

2. The **comprehension**

3. The **community**

4. The **experience**

4. He petitions for God's **fullness**. 3:19b

THE TREASURE OF GOD'S LIMITLESS WORKING 3:20

A. What are the conditions?

1. The **power** of the Holy Spirit
2. The **indwelling** of Jesus
3. The **fullness** of His filling

B. What are the results?

1. God's workings are **unhindered**.
2. God's workings **progress**.
3. What our **response** should be

SUMMARIZING THE TREASURES WE POSSESS 3:21

Ephesians 3:21

"...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

A. An outburst of **praise**

B. God is **glorified**.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 11

Learn it, AND live it!

Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

Day 1

1. What is the central truth of this passage?

2. What are some key words in this passage? What is their significance?

Day 2

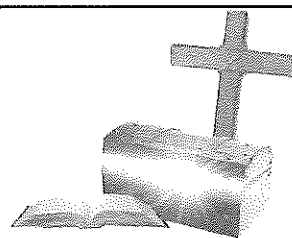
3. What is the significance of the word "therefore" (NKJV) or "then" (NIV) in 4:1? What is Paul urging the Ephesians and us to do? Practically apply that to your life.

4. According to verse 1, what then is the purpose of this next chapter? How are you measuring up? What are your strengths and weaknesses?

Day 3

5. List the characteristics for living in unity described in verses 2-3. See also I Peter 1:22, 2:17, 3:8 and 4:8. Give specific practical examples. How did Jesus (Matthew 11:29) exemplify these characteristics in His life?

6. What is the "hope" referred to in verse 4? See also Titus 2:13; I John 3:2; Ephesians 1:18; Colossians 1:23 and 27.



Day 4

7. What is the "grace" referred to in verse 7? See also Romans 12:6-8; I Corinthians 12:8-10, 20-28; and I Peter 4:11. What is your spiritual "grace"? Give examples of how God has allowed you to use that gift. What is the difference between a spiritual gift and talent?

8. Why do you think Paul followed this statement with the explanations in verses 8-9?

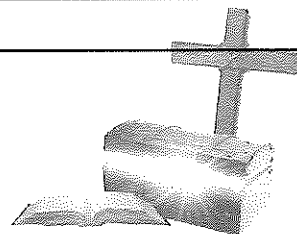
9. What do you think is meant by "ascending" and "descending" in verses 8-9? See also Philippians 2:5-11 and II Corinthians 5:21.

Day 5

10. According to verse 12a, what is the purpose of the gifts? Describe some of the areas of ministry that are available to Christians? What is your area of service in which you exercise your gift?

11. According to verses 12b-16, what is the goal of using our spiritual gifts?

12. What is God specifically teaching you through the study of this passage? How will it change you?



13. Describe in practical terms the treasure you possess, through Christ, according to this passage.

OPTIONAL:

For further study read Acts 2:42-47 and 4:35. Describe the unity of the early church. How does this church relate to the passage you studied in Ephesians? Describe how this could be practically applied in our churches in our day and time.

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Ephesians 4:1.