

TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 2

The *Treasure* of Inheritance and Security

“In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him,
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,...”

Ephesians 1:13
(ESV)



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Ephesians 1:11-14

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WHAT IS THE INHERITANCE?

A. *Who is it for?*

1. The **Jews**
2. The **Gentiles**

B. *What does it mean to be "in Christ"?*

1. *Radical transformation*
 - a. We are **new**.
 - b. We live in **victory**.
2. *Radical reorientation*
 - a. We have a new **mindset**.
 - b. We have new **pursuits**.
3. *Radical unity*

"When these words were spoken, the then-known civilized world was cleft by great, deep gulfs of separation, like the crevasses in a glacier, by the side of which racial animosities and class differences are merely cracks on the surface."

Alexander Maclaren

- a. *We are a part of something **universal**.*
- b. *We are a part of something **eternal**.*
- c. *We are a part of a **central core**.*
4. *Radical satisfaction*
 - a. We have **beauty** in life.
 - b. We need to not get **attached**.

"Yet I say to you...multiply these tiny triumphs by a million, add them all together, and they are nothing - less than nothing - measured against one 'drink' of that living water Christ offers to the spiritually thirsty..."

Malcomb Muggeridge

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 3

"Paul prays that his readers will appreciate the value that God places in them, in order that their lives may be in keeping with the high calling and that they may accept in grateful humility the grace and glory thus lavished on them."

F. F. Bruce

Read Ephesians 1:15-18.

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 are the two things about the Ephesians that Paul is thanking God for in verses 15-16? What relationship do they have to each other? See Psalm 133; John 17:20-23; and I John 4:7-21.

Day 3

6. What do you think the Apostle Paul meant by "know Him better" in verse 17? How do we *truly* know someone? How do you think Matthew 7:22-23; I Corinthians 8:3 and 13:13 apply to the concept of "knowing Him"? How does that relate to you?

7. According to I Corinthians 2:10-11 and Luke 11:13, what can we do to "know Him better"?

Day 4

8. What do you think is the "hope" that Paul describes in verse 18a? See also Romans 5:2, 8:23-25; Colossians 1:27; and Hebrews 6:17-19.

9. What do you think Paul meant by the "riches of His glorious inheritance" in verse 18b? See also Deuteronomy 4:20; Hebrews 9:15; and I Peter 1:4. How does this apply to you?

Day 5

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

11. Summarize in practical terms the "treasure" that you possess, through Jesus, according to this study.



