

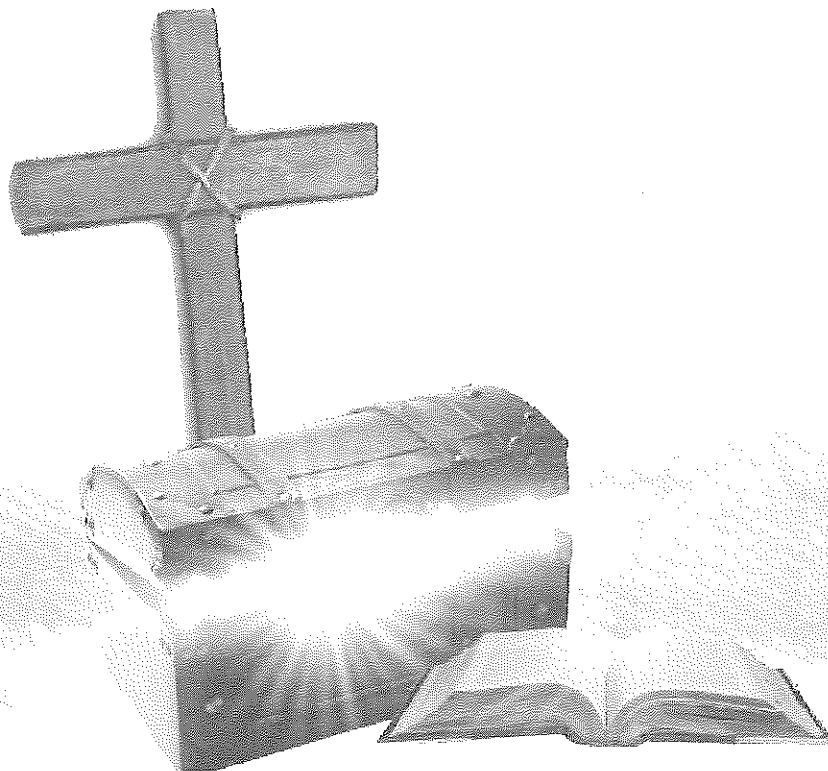
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 3

The *Treasure* of Spiritual Wisdom

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and
revelation, so that you may know Him better.”

Ephesians 1:17
(NIV)



TRUE TREASURES

Lesson 3 Ephesians 1:15-18
The *Treasure* of Spiritual Wisdom

THE TREASURE OF FAITH APPLIED 1:15-16

- A. True faith leads to **love**.
- B. True love leads to **multiplication**.

"I want to be a woman of Your Word,
of prayer, and of love,..." Cora Bell Morgan

- C. True multiplication leads to **thanksgiving**.

THE TREASURE OF A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS 1:17

- A. *What* does it mean to truly "know"?
 - 1. It means more than just **knowing facts** about Him.
 - 2. It means more than **proximity**.
- B. *How* do we truly "know"?
 - 1. It means mutual **exchange**.
 - 2. It means mutual **intimacy**.
- C. What is my focus?

"Instead of breathing this life-giving air of Heaven,
their windows are closed, and their doors shut,
and they are asphyxiated with their own exhalation.
They are breathing over again and again their own
breath, from which all vitality is gone."

E. W. Bullinger

- 1. It means **getting** a focus.
- 2. It means **asking** for a focus.

THE TREASURE OF A DEEPER SPIRITUAL VISION 1:18

- A. The importance of our "eyes"
- B. The importance of what we see
 - 1. We see **hope**.
 - a. It is not a **wish**.
 - b. It is something we **possess**.
 - c. It is understanding that **someday** we will be **like** the Lord.
 - 2. We see **riches**.

"Paul prays that his readers will appreciate the value which 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

SUMMARIZING THE TREASURES WE POSSESS

- A. He **values** us as His treasures.
- B. He **desires** us to be with Him.

John 17:6

"I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word."

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 4

"Above all that anywhere is, anything above all grades of dignity, real or imagined, good or evil, present, or to come - the mighty power of God has exalted and enthroned the Christ."

Armitage Robinson

Read Ephesians 1:19-23.

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

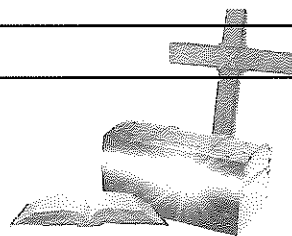
3. What is the key concept in verses 19-20a?
In what ways is His "great power" available to us?
See Romans 1:16, 6:3-4; and II Corinthians 5:17.

4. What event is being described in verses 20b-21?
See Luke 24:50-53 and Mark 16:15-20. What is its
significance in our lives?

Day 3

5. Describe Jesus according to verses 21-22a.
See also Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:13; and I Timothy 3:16.
How does that relate to you?

6. According to verse 20b, what is Jesus doing in Heaven?
See also Hebrews 4:15-16.



7. What does Jesus desire from us in regard to this?
See John 17:24 and Romans 8:18-23.

Day 4

8. What is Jesus' position in our lives according to
verses 22b-23? See also Romans 12:4-5.

9. Describe how He "fills everything in every way" (verse 23b).
Give personal examples from your own life. What effect
should this have on 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 you possess, through Jesus, according to this passage.

OPTIONAL:

For further study read Acts 2:1-5, 14-21, 40-47; Acts 4:29-31 and describe how these passages illustrate Ephesians 1:19-20. How does this apply to your life? How does this study practically challenge you?

