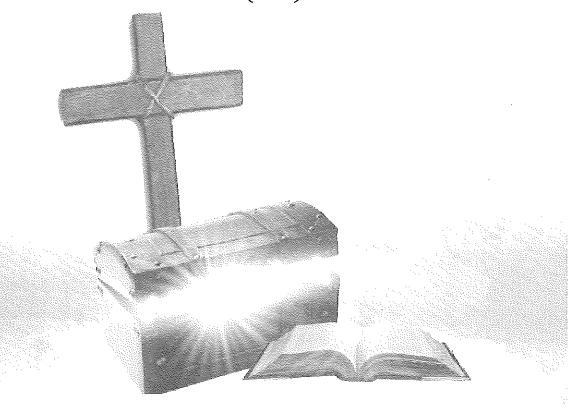
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 4

The *Treasure* of His Power

"...and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,..."

Ephesians 1:19-20 (ESV)



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THE SUMMARY OF PAUL'S PRAYER

THE TREASURE OF HIS POWER

1:19-20a

- A. The power described
 - 1. Dynamite!
 - 2. Energy!
 - 3. Conquer!
- B. The power of resurrection
 - 1. What did it mean for Jesus?
 - 2. What does it mean for us?
- C. The power over sin
 - 1. What is your "Achilles" heel?
 - 2. God desires to give us victory.
- D. The power displayed in Christ's ascension
 - 1. What is it?
 - 2. What does it do?
 - a. It completes His incarnation.
 - b. It begins His ministry of intercession.
 - c. It dispenses the Holy Spirit.
 - d. It illustrates His **exaltation**.

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Armitage Robinson

- E. The power displayed in Christ's lordship
- F. The power in its significance for us
 - 1. We are His "body."
 - a. Our bodies operate in **sync**.
 - b. We will be in **sync** for **eternity**.
 - 2. We are His "fullness."

SUMMARIZING THE TREASURES WE POSSESS

- A. What is it?
- B. What are the prerequisites?
 - 1. To <u>believe</u>
 - 2. To **plug** in

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 5

"And you"...before we trusted in Jesus, we were lost, desolate, and dead. "But God"...in His mercy and love, lifted us to the heights of living in victory.

Read Ephesians 2:1-7.

Day 1.	Day 1 . What is the central truth of this passage?	
2.	What are some key words in this passage? What is their significance?	
Day 3.	y 2 Describe in your own words the nature of the spiritually dead. (See 2:1)	

7.	What do you think Paul meant when he wrote that we were at one time "children of wrath" in verse 3b? See John 3:36.
Da ; 6.	y 3 Who is the "ruler of the kingdom of the air" as described in verse 2? How can we know that he is real and alive? See also John 12:31; Matthew 9:34; and Il Corinthians 4:4.
5.	What are some of the "ways of this world"? (2:2) Describe some of the popular ideas, thinking, and values. How does that affect you?
4.	According to 2:2, where does their influence come from?

8.	Read Psalm 2:5, 76:10; and Romans 1:18. When we see how God responds to sin, describe the wonderful news of Romans 5:8-9. How does this relate to Ephesians 2:3b?
Da y 9.	V 4 What is the significance of the phrase "but God" in verse 4? Describe the "but Gods" (God's interventions) that you have experienced in your life?
10.	According to verses 4 and 7, why did God intervene and save us from His wrath and the consequences of our sin?
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11.	What do you think Paul meant by "seated us with Him in the Heavenly realms" in verse 6? How do we sit in Heavenly realms while still on this earth?

Day 12.	J 5 In verses 4-7, Paul has instructed us about many marvelous things that God has done for us. Describe as many as you can think of in your own words. What should your response be to Him?
13.	What is God teaching you through the study of this passage? How will it change you?
14.	Summarize in practical terms the treasure you possess, through Christ, according to this passage.
	
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OPTIONAL: For further study read Colossians 1:9-14 and Philippians 1:9-11. Summarize how a spiritually-alive person learns what to desire and how to obtain it. How does this relate to this study? How can you practically apply it to your everyday life?

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Ephesians 2:4-5.