

Main Things From Ephesians

Survey of the Book

“In this book the word *riches* is used five times; *grace* twelve times; *glory* eight times; *fulness, filled up, or fills* six times; and the key phrase *in Christ* (or *in Him*) fifteen times. Christ is the source, the sphere, and the guarantee of every spiritual blessing and of all spiritual riches, and those who are in Him have access to all that He is and has.”

– J. MacArthur

“Our riches are based on Christ’s grace (1:2, 6-7; 2:7), His peace (1:2), His will (1:5), His kind intention (1:9), His purpose (1:9, 11), His glory (1:12, 14) His calling (1:18), His inheritance (1:18), His power (1:19), His love (2:4), His workmanship (2:10), His Spirit (3:16), His gifts (4:11), His sacrifice (5:2), His strength (6:10), and His armor (6:11, 13).” – J. MacArthur

“The whole letter is a magnificent combination of Christian doctrine and Christian duty, Christian faith and Christian life, what God has done through Christ and what we must be and do in consequence.”

– J. Stott

(Our Great Salvation)

I) All about God.

“You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.”

– J. Edwards

(Our Great Salvation)

II) All about grace.

(Our Great Salvation)

III) Unites me with others.

(My Faith at Work)

I. Working on change.

(My Faith at Work)

II. Submits to authority.

(My Faith at Work)

III. In a fight.

“In our culture everyone wants to talk about problems without talking about evil, faith, or the Spirit. Anyone who proposes a spiritual cause to a problem is labeled as a *fanatic* or *naïve, silly, unenlightened, or uninformed* about the real issues. Some may give a sentimental value to those of faith but nothing more. In their hearts they believe such talk is inane. We think we are so advanced, and yet the streets still run with blood; humans are oppressed treated like animals; families are breaking down everywhere, and so on. We are in a broken world that is influenced by the “god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4).

– Exposition Commentary