

## Riches of His Love and Power

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**Living rich in Christ is like driving your car. Your rear view mirror is remembering biblically and gratefully who and what you were without Christ and what He used to save you.**

**Ephesians 2:1** - Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. **Ephesians 2:8**

**Your clear windshield is knowing, believing and behaving out of who you biblically are now in Christ. In Christ we are magnificent masterpieces being made into His glorious temple together!**

**Ephesians 2:19, Ephesians 2:21** - We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

**But there is more!**

**1. Every believer in Christ gets an equal share in the endless treasures in Christ *Ephesians 3:1-6***

**2. We, like Paul, have the privilege of telling others how to get an equal share in the endless treasure of Christ. *Ephesians 3:7-11***

God wants to use us to shake up the cities we live in and dethrone the false gods people worship! ***Acts 19:18-20, Acts 19:23-29***

**3. Our endless riches include bold and confident access to the place of greatest love and power.**

***Ephesians 3:12-13*** - Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome. So please don't despair because of what they are doing to me here. It is for you that I am suffering, so you should feel honored and encouraged.

***Hebrews 10:19-23***

**4. Christ wants us to experience the fullness of His love and power so we can be made complete. Wholeness comes as we grow deep roots into the rich soil of His unconditional love and experience His power to fulfill our created purpose.**

***Ephesians 3:14-19*** - When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him.

*May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

**5. Christ wants us to have a rich, faith-filled imagination about what He could do through His mighty power at work in us.**

***Ephesians 3:20-21*** - Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.

**In Christ we are free to imagine what we could do and be if we were filled to overflowing with the riches of His love and power. The Holy Spirit is still giving dreams and visions to His people and the love and power to accomplish them. *Acts 2:17-18***

**Our endless treasure includes daily filling of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the supernatural dream God has for each of our lives.**

Do you want to experience the depth of His love and power in your life? Do you want God's vision or dream for your life? Come fearlessly and boldly to His throne and ask for it.

***Ephesians 3:12*** - Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome.

### Study Questions

1) Read through Ephesians 3 and then Acts 19 together. Isn't it amazing how powerful the Gospel was in Ephesus. What do you think are the idols and false gods in our community? How could we live and share to shake things up?

2) Do you come fearlessly into God's presence? Why or why not? Have you experienced the height and depth of God's love? How? Do you dream about how God could use you if you really believed in His infinite ability? What would your dream for your life be?