Identity & Destiny Ephesians 1-3

Part 10



Scripture

• Ephesians 1:1-6, 15-21

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 2:5-7

⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Other Scriptures

- Eph. 4:1
- Rev. 4:10
- Jn. 1:14
- Rom. 8:1, 37-39
- Eph. 3:18-19
- I Sam. 16:7
- I John 4:14-15

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Main Points

- The mysteries revealed to Paul while he was in prison.
 - o God does all things to bring glory to Himself.
 - He blessed us
 - He chose us
 - He predestined us
 - We should be deeply concerned with the glory of God.
 - Our thoughts and behavior should be checked for how it brings glory to
 - Ask Him to show us ways to bring glory to God.
- Everything we have is in Yeshua!
 - o He is in the Father and we are in Him.
 - We are in Messiah Jesus.
 - o We approach God as the Father of Yeshua.
 - o We are never alone because we are in Him.
- He chose us out of the world to be a kingdom of priests unto God.
 - o Holy
 - Set apart
 - o Blameless before Him in love.
- Paul prayed for all of us to understand these mysteries.
 - o To know Him
 - o The riches of the glory of His inheritance in you.
 - Weighty, heavy, full, deep, wide, etc.,
 - Pray that you can understand that glory.
 - You are an inheritance to Him.
 - The hope of your calling...
 - Pray that you will grasp these realities.
 - These are the realities that matter.
 - Pray daily for 90 consecutive days and it will change you.
 - The power at work in your life.
 - The same power that raised Jesus from the dead.
 - You are more than a conqueror. Power resides in you!
- God will spend eternity showing us the riches of His kindness toward us.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Have you ever prayed for understanding of the mysteries of your inheritance in Yeshua? Will you begin this practice today? Will you take the 90 day Ephesians prayer challenge given today?
- 2. What could help you to speak up more about God within your relational circles?
- 3. What are some things that need to change in your life in order to live a life set apart for God? How can you better live a life worthy of your calling? Be specific!