

Ephesians

- ◆ Believers' *Position* in Christ (1-3)
- ◆ Believers' *Walk* in Christ (4-6)

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- ◆ The **Wealth** of the Christian (1-3)
- ◆ The **Walk** of the Christian (4-6)
 - ▶ The **Warfare** of the Christian (6:10-20)

1:15-23

- ✓ God may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
- ✓ Eyes of your hearts being enlightened

That you may know ...

- ✓ The hope of His calling
- ★ The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
- ★ The exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe

The hope of His calling

- The purpose of God in calling us
 - Position of holiness before God
 - Ephesians 1:4
 - Jude 24
 - "Called to be saints" (Rom 1:7, 1 Cor 1:2)
 - Holiness in our lives
 - 2 Timothy 1:9
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:7
 - 1 John 3:1-3

The hope of His calling

- ✓ The purpose of God in calling us
- The confident expectation of those who are called
 - Promises of God (Ephesians 2:11-13)
 - Hope of the resurrection (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Acts 24:15, 1 Corinthians 15)
 - Heaven (Colossians 1:5)
 - Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)
 - Eternal life (Titus 1:2, 3:7)
 - Jesus' return (Titus 2:13, 1 John 3:1-2)

The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

- God's inheritance of the saints
 - We are His purchased possession (v14)
- God's inheritance for the saints
 - Glorious (spiritual) riches in the heavenly places
 - The future aspect of our salvation, glorification, we shall be like Him

The exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe

- Present experience of this power
 - The "calling" was past
 - The "inheritance" is future
- Power over sin (Romans 6)

The Warfare of the Christian

- **The World** — "Conform!"
 - 1 John 2:15-17
 - Romans 12:1-2
- **The Flesh** — "Follow your desire!"
 - 1 Peter 2:11-12
 - 2 Timothy 2:22
- **The Devil** — "Question the Word! Doubt God!"
 - 1 Peter 5:8-11
 - James 4:7-10