

Ephesians: God's Grace for Us We Are Rich

1. God wants the Church, His body, to enjoy His amazing riches and inheritance for us. *Ephesians 3:1-6; Ephesians 1:22-23*

2. God's purpose for the Church is that we display His wisdom *Ephesians 3:10-11*

3. One great benefit we enjoy right now is to boldly and confidently live in God's presence. *Ephesians 3:12-13*

In this series "Ephesians: God's Grace to Us", we are going to SOAP our way through Ephesians. That means for our reading guide, every day there will be just a few verses from Ephesians to meditate on. We will do that by SOAPing. This works best if you have a journal, where each day you:

S- Scripture: Write out each verse

O- Observation: Write out what the verse is saying. You can use a commentary for this.

A- Application: Write out how the verse applies to my life, how does this truth impact me?

P- Prayer: Pray for God to work this truth deep into my mind and heart.

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Ephesians 4:14-15

Ephesians 4:16

Ephesians 4:17

Ephesians 4:18

Ephesians 4:19

Ephesians 4:20

Ephesians 4:21

Discussion Questions:

1. How much do you live in the reality that you are a part of something bigger, the body of Christ?

How does God's great purpose of Unity influence the way you interact and get involved in the Church?

2. How well are you doing displaying God's wisdom (reconciling people to God by loving them to Christ, promoting unity in the Body)?

3. Share what it is like for you to live in God's presence. Are you bold and courageous in approaching Him? Why or why not?

How do the words "Because of Christ" make a difference in your bold approach to God?

4. Do you lose heart because of trials? How can you not lose heart?