

Back to Basics – Five Disciplines that Can Change Your Life – Week Three

D-3: Live According to Your Position in Christ

How you got your spiritual wealth and what you can do with it – Ephesians 1:3-14

Main Idea: When we assess our spiritual net worth, we discover that God has made us extraordinary wealthy in Jesus Christ. What will you do with your wealth? God's desire is that you would invest it in living to the praise of His glory.

1. THE NATURE OF OUR WEALTH – We possess every spiritual blessing. 1:3

- A. The nature of our blessings: they are spiritual; *"every spiritual blessing."* 1:3b
- B. The location of our blessings: the heavenly places; *"in the heavenly places in Christ".* 1:3c
- C. The wellspring of our blessings: the goodness of God; *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us..."* 1:3a

2. THE SOURCE OF OUR WEALTH – The triune God has granted the fullness of our salvation. 1:4-14

- A. All three persons of the triune God – *Father, Son and Spirit* – actively participated in securing your spiritual blessings. 1:4-13
- B. God the Father *planned* for our salvation. 1:4-6
- C. God the Son *purchased* our salvation. 1:7-12
- D. God the Holy Spirit *pledges* our salvation. 1:13-14

3. THE RESPONSE TO OUR WEALTH – We must live for His glory. 1:6, 12, 14

- A. Paul makes it clear that our response to the wealth we possess is neither to hoard it or hide it, but to use it to reflect His glory. *Look at the repeated phrases in 1:6, 12, 14.*
- B. To live for the glory of God, means we reflect the reality of His presence to people within our sphere of influence, *wherever that happens to be.*