

***Ephesians 1:1-3a***  
***“Our Riches in Christ”***

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Every Christian is rich! But not in terms of material possessions. Rather, Christians are rich in a greater way—rich in spiritual privileges. The book of Ephesians delineates a treasure-house of God’s blessings endowed to every believer based on each individual’s personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Today we begin to examine the inexhaustible spiritual riches that have been entrusted to us for our good and God’s glory.

1. The courier of our riches—the \_\_\_\_\_ Apostle Paul \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The cause for our riches—the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The content of our riches—every \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual blessing \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians was probably a cyclical book that Paul intended all the churches in Asia Minor to read—not just the church in Ephesus

Paul makes no reference in this epistle to any individuals in the church of Ephesus

Paul planted the church of Ephesus and pastored there for three years

Paul wrote this book while imprisoned in Rome about A.D. 60 (Acts 28:30)

Chapters 1-3 have almost no imperatives, while 4-6 have over 60 commands for believers

