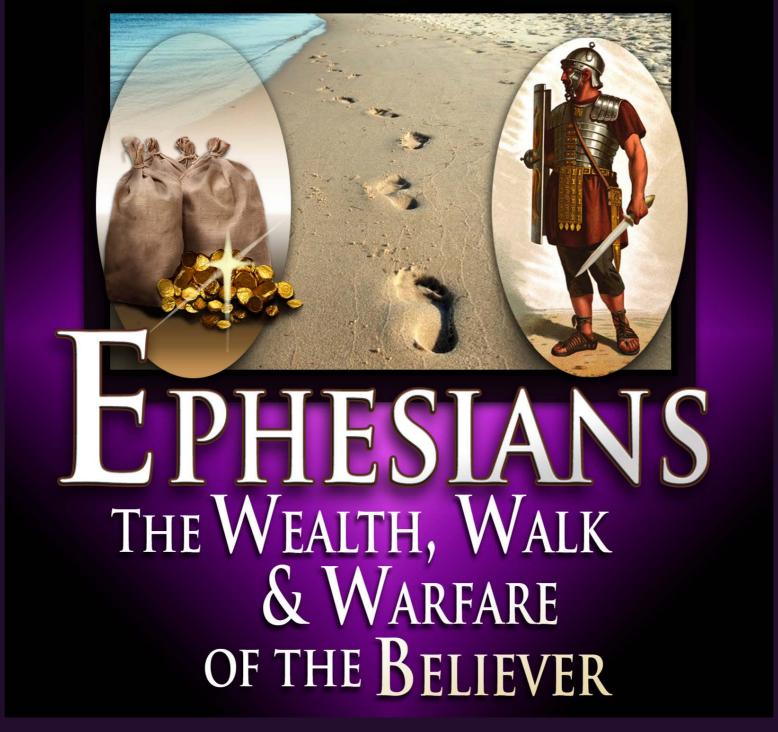
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Our Incredible Blessings in Christ Ephesians 1–3

Eph. 4:1, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,"

Eph. 3:20, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Eph. 3:21, "to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

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- V. Parenthesis: The mission and the message, Eph. 3:1–13
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- VII.Paul's second doxology, Eph. 3:20-22

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- IV. God's creation of the new Church: one new man, one new body, one new building, one new Temple by the work of Christ on the cross which removed the barriers between Jew and Gentile, and between all humanity and God. Eph. 2:11–22
- V. Parenthesis: Paul encourages the Ephesians that his imprisonment is not a delay in God's plan but enhances it through Paul's continued communication of the previously unrevealed truth that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews in Christ through the gospel. Eph. 3:1–13
- VI. Paul's second prayer that God would strengthen the Ephesian believers through the Holy Spirit with His might in their souls to the end that they may know and reflect in their lives the love Christ has for us. Eph. 3:14–19

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Eph. 1:1, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

Eph. 1:2, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

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