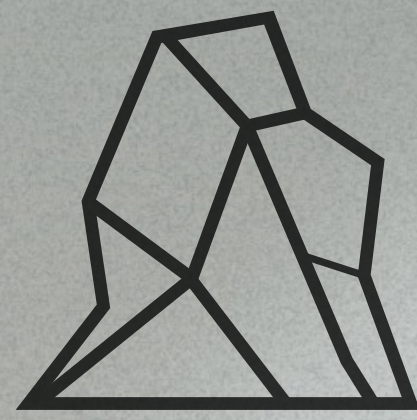




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As the nation buckles under the strain of prolonged lockdowns, economic disaster has followed. Just to have a job, or to have a business still open is already counted as an achievement! In such a grim setting, isn't it wonderful to know that in this life and the next, the Christian has wealth beyond measure? This may not always be in terms of money or assets, but in terms that are spiritual, internal, and eternal.

Look at how the passage reminds us about how rich you really are:

1. THE **PERSON** BEHIND OUR INHERITANCE: “In Christ”

- The believer's union with Christ, being “in Christ”, is the reason why we have an inheritance (*Romans 8:16-17*).
- This union begins at conversion and continues eternally. But the condition is that it is genuine from the start. Are you certain that you are “in Christ”?

2. THE **PROPERTY** OF OUR INHERITANCE:

Everything that belongs to Christ now belongs to the Christian as a joint-heir of Jesus

- What does Christ inherit? Hebrews 1:2 “In these last days [God] has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things”.

We inherit God (*Revelation 21:3*), Christ (*Colossians 1:27*), the Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 1:14*), eternal salvation (*1 Peter 1:5*), glorified bodies (*1 Corinthians 15:51-57*) the world (*Romans 4:13*) and the kingdom of God (*Hebrews 9:15*). Overwhelming as these are, the full extent of our inheritance has not yet been revealed to us! (*1 Corinthians 2:9*)

- Realizing the true wealth of your heritage is life-changing:
 - ✓ It will change your perspective about possessions and priorities
 - ✓ It will change your response to life's challenges and tragedies





3. THE **PROCESS** FOR OUR INHERITANCE: This was predestined according to the purpose of God who makes all things happen according to His will.

- Predestination should fill your heart with joy, not pride. It means your life is not a struggling series of accidents and missteps. Instead “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above... of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures”. (*James 1:17-18*). How can God not love someone that He brought into this world by His will and purpose?

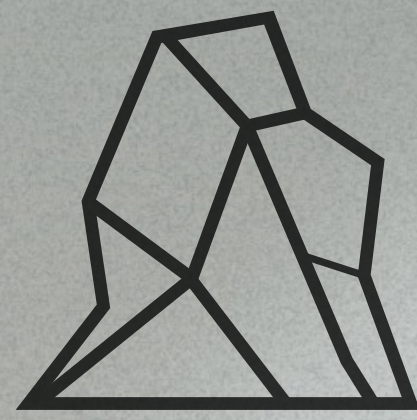
4. THE **PURPOSE** FOR OUR INHERITANCE: So that all believers, both Jews and Gentiles, become trophies of grace, to the glory of God (*Ephesians 1:12, cf. vv. 5-6, 13-14*).

- The first Jewish Christians were trophies of grace: Ephesians 1:12 “so that we [Jews] who were the first to hope in Christ might be **to the praise of His glory**”.

You and I today are trophies of grace:

Ephesians 1:5-6 “He predestined us for adoption as sons... to the praise of His glorious grace”.

Ephesians 1:13-14 “sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it to the praise of His glory”.



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FINAL THOUGHTS

*How rich I am, since Jesus came my way,
Redeemed my soul, and turned my night to day,
How very rich, how very rich I am.*

*Such peace and joy, I never knew before,
And countless blessings, from His boundless store,
How very rich, how very rich I am.*

*There's a greater glory in a sunset, a brighter twinkle in a star,
There's much more promise in a rainbow, more music in a singing bird
by far.*

*All things have changed, my eyes once blind can see,
The whole wide world, is now a symphony.
And with all this, Heaven is my destiny,
How rich I am!*

(By John W. Peterson, 1956)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Some of the believer's inheritance: God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, eternal salvation, glorified bodies, the world, and the kingdom of God. They are all exciting but which of these personally excites you most? Why?
2. How does knowing that God predestined you to become His because He loves you, affect you? How will this change the way you view yourself personally, especially when tempted to look down on yourself?
3. When the Bible reveals that everything God does is "to the praise of His glory", how does knowing "we were made by God for God, and worship is how we relate back to God" explain this? (i.e., that God doesn't have an ego problem).
4. As you close in prayer, pray for anyone in the group who has struggled financially or materially for any reason. Pray that their glorious inheritance in Christ lifts them up from discouragement and fills them with hope.

Download the study guide: bit.ly/EphesiansStudyGuides



The Shepherd's Voice

by Teacher Angel Santos,
Children's Ministry Lead



BUILDING BRICK BY BRICK

Who is shaping your kids? Years from now, will they still go to church, read their Bibles, and live their lives for the glory of God?

The secret is having the right foundation. From the little ones to growing ones, even babies and toddlers, they can start off on the right track through parental discipleship.

Bringing up children in the Lord has to be done intentionally and holistically. Babies, who are in the wombs, can be spoken to. Such little conversations are a picture of how parents can start reaching out to their baby. Perhaps they can sing Bible songs, tell Bible stories, and even pray with him or her. That's a good start – the beginning of discipleship. And when the baby comes, the spiritual nurture should not die down, it should continue. Then comes the dedication, wherein the godparents stand as witnesses and commit to help the child grow in the Lord.

There will be teaching moments that you parents can take advantage of. During play time or keep-by time, parents can inject spiritual truths. At church, little ones are exposed to Bible songs and stories. They learn how to pray and study God's Word. As they mature, they observe how Christianity is lived as they see it from you and from the community of believers around you.

At KidsLIFE, we partner with parents in providing a firm foundation for children. This September, KidsLIFE joins the “big” church in studying what a church built on Biblical bedrock looks like through our Ephesians and Ezra series. Together with the Youth and Young Adults, we are doing back-to-back lessons that teach them about being built by God and how they can get involved in building up others. This is being true to the core values (LIFE) of the KidsLIFE – Loving God, Imitating Christ, Faithful to the Word, and then Engaging in missions and discipleship, serving the Lord in their own little ways.

We need prayers and support for our team of dedicated individuals whose heartbeat is to reach the young and nurture them in faith. Partner with us, as we care for the parents and encourage them to take bolder steps in nurturing the faith of their kids, since parents are the primary disciplers of their children. KidsLIFE involves parents in actual discipleship of their kids in our regular programs and activities, providing examples for others to imitate.

If you share the same heartbeat to nurture the young, join us in discipling them and in walking alongside their parents in this discipleship journey!



WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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For In-Kind Donations: drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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Email your deposit slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject “*For Bayanihan Food Stall*”. For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also give to support the church family’s COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate “**For COVID-19 Fund**”when you email your transaction document.



CHURCH UPDATES

READY, SET, GO!

Disciple the Next Generation now! Visit bit.ly/GCFReadySetGo to start!

NO ON-SITE CONGREGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 5:00 p.m. service only until further notice

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays | Little Ones - 10:00 a.m. • Growing Kids - 10:15 a.m.

Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

YA TALKS

Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

COVID VACCINES AND YOU - AN HONEST TALK WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS

September 15, 2021 | Wednesday | 8:00 p.m. | Live on GCF Facebook and YouTube

FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn

GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto Zoom: bit.ly/FamilyGGEx

Passcode: familyGGEx | Contact Marj: 0917-779-1549

GCF ELECTION OF CHURCH LEADERS (NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!)

To read the duties and qualifications of Elders and Deacons, visit election.gcf.org.ph

To nominate, visit bit.ly/GCFNominationForm • Deadline for Nominations: **October 3 (Sunday)**

TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For appointments or questions, please contact:

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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:

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ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

We are so glad you're here today! We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room: bit.ly/WelcometoGCF | **Welcome Form:** bit.ly/GCFWelcome



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