The Riches of His Grace
“Ephesians: Living in Purpose and Power” – Part 10
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Ephesians 1:7: “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

1. Riches:
   a. Valuable bestowment (Matthew 6:26); we discover the worth and value of anything by knowing the price that was paid for it.

   1 Peter 1:18-20 NLT:
   "For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days."

   b. Abundance of external benefits (Matthew 7:11; 2 Peter 1:3; 3 John 1:2)
      i. But beware of majoring just on acquiring the abundance of things (Luke 12:15).
      ii. Look at the sad result of Israel as they were still complaining and grumbling in spite of having abundance (Deuteronomy 28:47-48).
      iii. How did they get that attitude? (Deuteronomy 8:11-14)
      iv. What is my external abundance really for? (2 Corinthians 9:8)
      v. Focus on your internal abundance (Jeremiah 33:6).


   d. The rich gifts and blessings imparted by God (Ephesians 2:4-9; 3:8; Philippians 4:19; The Gift of the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:38; 10:45)

2. Grace (Greek word: “Charis”): ‘divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in life (Luke 2:40, 52); acceptable, benefit, favor (Psalm 5:12).’
   a. The grace of God empowers us to walk through and handle everything the devil would throw at us!! (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

   b. What does the grace of God teach us to do? Titus 2:11-14