

**Every Spiritual Blessing Part 3
In the Beloved We Have Hope
Ephesians 1:8-10**

Introduction: According to the Joshua Project, 7400 people groups which make up 42% of the Worlds population are considered unreached. This means that less than 2% claim to be Christ followers. This is made up of 7,400 people groups, of these, 3,000 of them are considered unengaged. This is defined as having no missionaries, no outreach, no church, and no Christian materials. 1,800 of these have absolutely no Scripture at all whatsoever. What we take for granted, the multiple copies of the Bible in our homes, is not even a possibility for a large percentage of people even in the 21st century. Our passage this morning focuses on the blessing associated with having and comprehending God's revelation to us. May we never take it for granted for in it we find great hope!

I. **The source of this hope-** *"according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us..."*

II. **The provision for this hope-** *"along with all wisdom and insight"*

III. **The sphere of this hope-** *"Which He purposed in Him"*

IV. **The scope of this hope-** *"With a view towards the administration of the fullness of the times, that is the summing up of all things in Christ..."*

V. **The purpose of this hope-** *"To the praise of His glory"*

Conclusion: There is a major difference between hope described and hope applied. Will you apply this hope to your life today? If so it should result in two things. First, true hope will result in the praise of the One who gives us this hope. Secondly it results in purified living as we wait expectantly.

Questions for discussion/application

- How does this passage remind us of the importance and value of progressive revelation? Of revelation in general?
- What is the mystery that has been revealed to us?
- Martin Lloyd Jones writes that this verse “states what is the central theme of all Scripture”. What does he mean by this? Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- How does this revelation give us hope?
- How does this view impact our view and understanding of the future Kingdom?
- What relationship does this have to Genesis 3:15?