

PULPIT MINISTRY 2008

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MORNING WORSHIP

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Title: "According to the Riches of His Grace"

Text: Ephesians 1

(I) THE DOCTRINE OF GRACE

- 1. It is mentioned in the Old Testament**
- 2. It is especially developed in the New Testament**
- 3. It received special attention from the apostle Paul**
 - a) Because of Divine Revelation
 - b) Because of Personal experience

(II) A DOCTRINE TAKEN TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED

- 1. Doctrine becomes mere "theory"**
- 2. Doctrine was meant to be:-**
 - a) Relevant
 - b) Enriching
 - c) Personal

(III) AN ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE "GRACE"

- 1. It is described aptly as:-**
 - a) "The glory of His grace" (**Ephesians 1:6**)
 - b) "The riches of His grace" (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- 2. It is also described as the basis of God's dealings with mankind**

*"...according to the riches of His grace" **Ephesians 1:7***

(IV) THE APPLICATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR LIFE

- 1. All blessings from God stem from the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:3)**
- 2. Our very redemption and all its benefits stem from God's grace (Ephesians 1:7)**
 - a) Sonship (**Ephesians 1:5**)
 - b) Forgiveness of sins (**Ephesians 1:7**)
 - c) Redemption (**Ephesians 1:7**)

(V) OUR RESPONSE TO THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE

- 1. We must not allow our hearts to take for granted God's grace**
- 2. We must seek to fathom and appreciate the riches of His grace**
- 3. We must ever seek to give God the glory due to His name**
- 4. We must seek to walk worthy of God's grace**