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**TITLE: Program 14 – Don’t Fear The Devil, Your Power Is In Christ**

**THURSDAY**

**OPEN**

Does the thought of a real personal devil or demons absolutely scare you to death, my friend? As a matter of fact do you just want to plug up your ears and say, “I don’t want to hear about it. I don’t want to know about it”? Well you know what? That won’t make the devil go away and that won’t stop the movements of the evil spirits but I will tell you what will take away your fear. What will take away your fear is understanding the power that is yours because you are His.

**PART ONE**

When you look at the book of Ephesians it’s all about the Gentiles. The Gentiles who have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. The people that were living in Ephesus. The people that were living under the influence of

demonic spirit. The people that were well acquainted with these evil spirits that Jewish men were casting out. The spirits that Paul came and rebuked and immediately they came out. They had worshiped their books of magic and when they came to know the Lord Jesus Christ they took all those books of magic and they burned them. They took them out into the public square and they threw them out and they had a great, great bonfire. It was a great celebration. Why and how could they come to that brazen activity of being able in a sense to defy the devil who, at one time, controlled their lives? Well part of it was because of what they knew and the other part of it was because what Paul had prayed for the saints there at Ephesus. As he writes that these are verses for you, these are truths for you and me. This is the way we can help one another through our prayers is to take the prayers of the Bible and pray them on behalf of our loved ones. I do it on behalf of my children and on behalf of my grandchildren and on behalf of our staff and others, students that are studying Precept that are meeting in Precept groups all over the United States and all over the world. This is a powerful, powerful prayer that we’re looking at now in Ephesians chapter 1, in verses 15 through 23. So come and let’s study God’s Word one on one. Let’s discover truth for ourselves. If you’ll open your Bible’s to Ephesians chapter 1 and in Ephesians chapter 1, what we find in verse 15 is Paul saying that [“I having heard of your faith in the Lord and your love for all the saints, I do not cease to make mention of you in my prayers.”] (PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 1:15) He goes on to say in verse 17, this is what he’s praying. **“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give...you a spirit of wisdom and...revelation in the knowledge of Him.” (Ephesians 1:17)** He says I’m asking God to make you wise. Wise is knowing truth and then living in the light of it. That is really wisdom. That’s walking in a wise way. He says I want God to give you the spirit, this breath, this life, of wisdom and of revelation of unveiling. I want to take the veil off of what has been hidden and I want you to understand it and it’s the

revelation of the knowledge of God. Let me read it to you. He says, “...and of the revelation [of] the knowledge of Him.” (Ephesians 1:17b) And then he says, “I pray that the eyes of your heart...,” you can just imagine your heart all of a sudden having big wide eyes, “...that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened....” (Ephesians 1:18a) In other words that you’re not in darkness, that you’re not living in fear and that you’re not living in the darkness of ignorance but that “...the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know....” (Ephesians 1:17a) Now remember one of the things that we are doing as we study the Word of God is we’re remembering that God is communicating through words. Words are very important and what God does is because the Bible was originally an oral book. A book that was written but because there were no printing presses it was always written by hand. And so a lot of people didn’t have the Word of God. So in the early days the Word of God was read to the people. And so in order for him to get his point across God would repeat words. He would take key words and He would repeat them. A key word is a very important word that unlocks the meaning of the text. That opens the door of your understanding towards truth. And one of those key words that we’re marking here is “knowledge” and “know”. And so he’s saying I’m praying that you might know, that you might know the what is, the what are and the what is because the what is and the what are and the what is is going to enable you to live as more than a conqueror. It’s going to make you wise. It’s going to reveal truth to you as you really get to know God and know who you are because now you Gentiles have believed in Jesus Christ and you have come into the family of God and I want you to understand these truths. Well, as we look at this there are three what is’s so to speak. And remember we’re marking the word “pray” also because anytime you see the word “prayer” or “supplication” or “petition”, you really ought to mark it. And what I do is I simply draw like a bit fat vase that you fill with the prayers that God is storing before His throne. And so I do it in purple cause

that’s my royal color for God and then I color it pink inside. So, “...**you will know...**,” the first “...**what is the hope of His calling....**” (Ephesians 1:18b) And we saw that the hope of His calling is that you become His child, that you live accordingly and that someday you are absent from the body and present with the Lord and you have conquered death and you are living as more than a conqueror and you will always be part of the family of God. Now we’re going to go into that even more later. We went into it sufficiently in the last program but it’s going to come up again and again. So the second what is that he wants them to know is what are and because it’s a plural, “...**what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.**” (Ephesians 1:18b) Now I have to admit that when you look at this to me it’s very, very clear. But theologians say, “Oh well there’s a problem here.” And we don’t know if it’s talking about the glory that you and I have in Jesus’ inheritance that belongs to us because we are saints or if it is talking about the riches of God’s inheritance in us. In other words here we are, we have come to know Jesus Christ and because we have come to know Jesus Christ because we have believed, because we have become sons of God, this God says is My inheritance. This is what I’ve wrought. This is what I’ve bought for Myself. This is what I’ve brought into My family. Now if you ask me personally which I prefer and I may disagree with one of your theologians but that’s alright. My preference is that what he’s saying is I want you to know, “...**what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.**” (Ephesians 1:18b) In other words this is what he’s saying to you and me. He is saying I want you to know how much you mean to God. I want you to know how valuable you are to God. I want you to know that when Jesus hung on that cross as Isaiah 53 says and He saw the travail of His soul and He saw what His death and burial and resurrection was going to bring it brought Him great joy. And when you, God the Father forsook your Son on the cross when He cried out, “...‘**Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani**’...‘**My God, my God why have You forsaken Me?**’” (Mark

**14:34b)** That you even in the pain of that moment of being separated from your son and your son being separated from you for the first time in all eternity still you endured and you let it happen because of the riches of the glory of the inheritance, your inheritance, His inheritance in the saints. Now listen, when I know that, when I know that I can bring God pleasure. When I know and understand that I can bring God glory or I can grieve the Holy Spirit or I can quench the Holy Spirit instead of walking as we’re going to see in Ephesians later on instead of walking in the power of the Holy Spirit. Instead of being filled with the Holy Spirit and bringing God pleasure, when I know that it makes me stop and think about my actions, okay. In this case, in this incident, do I want to live for me or do I want to live for Him? Do I want my way or because I’m part of the glory of the riches of His inheritance in the saints am I going to say, “God, no. I know who I am and I know **“...what are the riches of the glory of [your] inheritance in the saints.” (Ephesians 1:18b)** and I don’t want to disappoint you. I know that I’m here on this earth and I know that you are using me as a demonstration to powers in heavenly places of the great redemption that you have wrought in man. Man that has turned away from you. Man that is preferred to live under **“...the prince of the power of the air....” (Ephesians 2:2b)** to be subject to the spirits of of disobedience. I want to show to the world what true Christianity is like.” Now what I’m doing if you’ve read through Ephesians maybe you’ve caught it. Because all of a sudden I have taken you from Ephesians chapter 1 to Ephesians chapter 3. Let’s look at it for just a minute and when you go to Ephesians chapter 3 and we’re going to study it in depth later but in Ephesians chapter 3 this is what he says. He wants **“...to bring to light...,”** in verse 9, **“...what is the administration of the mystery...,”** and the mystery is that I am part of the church, **“...which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and...authorities in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 3:9-**

10) In other words what he is saying is this, that you and I as part of the body of Jesus Christ, as sons of God, as members of the church, that you and I, Beloved, have the privilege of being a testimony to those rulers and authorities of the manifold wisdom of God in choosing me and in choosing you the riches of His inheritance. We’ll talk about it more. It’s time for a break. You don’t want to miss this announcement.

## **PART TWO**

Welcome back, my friend. I’m so glad you’re back. Well let’s go back to Ephesians chapter 1. Now remember we’re looking at, “**...the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.**” (Ephesians 1:18b) and I told you that some believe that he’s just saying the riches of the glory of our inheritance. And those that hold that view although they say it could be the other. They say, “You know you really can’t figure it out but it’s one or the other and either one of them is good,” but they go to Colossians chapter 1 and they use verse 12 as a proof text for that point of view. All right and verse 12 of Colossians chapter 1 says, “**Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.**” (Colossians 1:12) But I think the context is different here and I think that what he’s saying is okay, give thanks to God. Give thanks to God because what has He done? He’s brought us into His family and bringing us into His family He is qualified us to share with the inheritance of other saints of those that are in the light. Because now we belong to the kingdom of light and not the kingdom of darkness and in the next verse he’s going to say, “**For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us [in] to the kingdom of His...Son.**” (Colossians 1:13) But you know what I want to do, I want you to go to Ephesians chapter 5 because I believe personally what he’s saying to them is I want you to have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God. I want you to know these things for yourself. I

want you to know and understand what is the hope of His calling. I want you to know and understand what it means to be the riches of His inheritance in the saints, that high calling that you have. Well if you go from here to Ephesians chapter 5, verse 27 and and remember when you’re interpreting the Word, if you can interpret it from within the text, the context. Con means that which goes with the text. The context of what is being written I think it’s far better. So in Ephesians chapter 5, verse 27 where he’s talking about how husbands are to behave towards their wives and how wives are to behave before their husbands he says this and he’s talking about the church. And so in verse 25 he says, **“Husbands...,”** I love this passage, **“...love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.” (Ephesians 5:25)** Her who? Her the church. **“So that He...,”** God, **“...might sanctify...,”** So that Jesus might sanctify, **“...her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.” (Ephesians 5:26)** Now watch the next verse. This is the verse. So that He might present to Himself, so **“That He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having so spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she [should] be holy and blameless.” (Ephesians 5:27)** So what is God going to do? What is He going to do with His riches of His inheritance in the saints? He’s going to show us off. He’s going to present us to Himself in all of our glory without spot, without wrinkle holy and blameless. And we’ve seen that, **“...He chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we [should] be holy and blameless and before Him. In love He predestined us [un]to adoption as sons....” (Ephesians 1:4-5a)** So that is the second what is only it’s a plural because it is; what are the riches. So you take your choice but let me just say this. Remember who you are. Have that spirit of wisdom and revelation and walk accordingly. Now what is the third what is? Well the third what is has to do with vroom. It has to do with power and I mean this is such an awesome, awesome page. In fact let’s get out our pen and let’s take a few notes cause this is the third what is. He says, I want you

to know what is “...the surpassing greatness of His power...,” vroom, “...toward us who believe.” (Ephesians 1:19a) He says this is the third what is that you’ve got to know. The surpassing greatness of His power. Now let me read it to you and then we’ll take it apart because it’s so good. It says, “...These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His **might which He...**,” and he’s talking about God and you know this because of the next sentence. “...which He brought about in Christ, when He...,” God, “...raised Him...,” and it’s Jesus, “...from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that’s named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.” (Ephesians 1:19b-21) Get it in your mind’s eye what God is saying to you is this. He says, “I want you to know that this power that you have, that this surpassing greatness of the power that is yours is a power that enabled God to reach down and to bring Jesus Christ out of that tomb to raise Him from the bowels of death and to seat Him at God’s right hand in heavenly places. And there’s Jesus seated in God’s right hand, now hang on, far above all rule and authority and power and might and dominion and every name that is named in heaven and earth. But now this is the capstone, He says, “**And He...**,” God, “...[has] **put all things in subjection under His feet...**,” under Jesus’ feet, “...and [He] gave Him...,” Jesus, “...as head over all things to the church.” (Ephesians 1:22) The church is you. The church is me. “**Which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**” (Ephesians 1:23) What is saying you don’t have to be afraid of the devil. Because you are seated with Christ. Christ is the head. You’re the body and you’re seated next to the throne of God above all principality and power and might and dominion. O Beloved, O Beloved, perfect love casts out all fear and there is no fear to be in your life except the fear, the respect and the trust of God. When I see people live in fear of the devil, when I see people retreating because of the threat of the enemy, when I see people who say, “Don’t talk to me about demons, don’t



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talk to me about anything like that. I don't want to hear about it. I don't want to know about it." I think oh, Precious One, come and let me teach you the Word of God. Let me show you what is the surpassing greatness of God's power towards you if you are a child of God, towards those who believe. And he's not talking about an intellectual belief that doesn't have any feet or any breadth or any depth or any life to it, he's talking about a genuine belief in Jesus Christ that makes you a child of God. That gives you the gift of eternal life. So what is his precept for life? Well his precept for life for you today is this; you do not and are not to fear the enemy. There's only one person you're to fear. You're to fear God. And when you fear God you don't need to fear the enemy because as you respect and trust God then you take God at His word and God has said that He has bestowed upon you the surpassing greatness of the very power that raised Jesus Christ out of the grave. We're going to look at it in our next program and it is going to be so absolutely liberating. So what do you do until the next program? You remember this that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the throne of God and you're there with Him above the power of the enemy. Go for it.