

# The Riches and Abundance of God's Grace Toward Us

*Scripture Reading:*

**Psalm 139:1-17**

# INTRODUCTION

## ◆ Hymns of grace:

◆ Amazing Grace

◆ Wonderful Grace of Jesus

◆ Grace Greater Than our Sin

◆ Saved by Grace

◆ Grace 'Tis a Charming Sound

◆ He Giveth More Grace

# THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE AND IT'S VALUE

(Eph 1:7b)

- ◆ The value of grace is seen by its cost!
  - ◆ Christ's poverty provided our riches of salvation – II Cor 8:9
  - ◆ The method of the impoverishment of Christ – Phil 2:6-8
  - ◆ The comparative value of earthly, material riches and eternal ruination
    - Matt 16:26; “The man is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose” – Jim Elliott

# THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (Eph 1:8)

◇ **Question:** How much grace has God provided?

◇ **Answer:** Far more than enough!

◇ **Election by grace** – Rom 11:5-6

◇ **“...grace instead of grace”** Jn 1:16

◇ **(All) salvation is by grace** – Eph 2:8

◇ We now have a **“standing in grace”** = Rom 5:2, II Tim 2:1, cf Eph 1:3,7

## THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (Eph 1:8) continued

- ◇ Where sin abounded, **grace now abounds more** – Rom 5:20
  - ◇ Grace provides freedom from the domination of the sin nature – Rom 6:14
- ◇ Grace **provides spiritual gifts** for the building up of Body of Christ - Rom 12:6
- ◇ Grace **provides eternal comfort and a beneficial hope** – II Thess 2:16
- ◇ In the future, **God's riches of grace will display His kindness** over us in Christ Jesus – Eph 2:7

# THE AMAZING WAY THIS RICH AND ABUNDANT GRACE WAS DIRECTED TOWARD US (Eph 1:8b)

By ALL wisdom: God putting the knowledge and understanding of  
His determined will into action – Rom 11:33



And “prudence” (KJV) = Grk “phroneo” 54x in NT, 9 forms

**FOCUSED thinking:** “to be mentally disposed in a certain direction” (Young’s def.) - Ps 139: God’s specific attention to every detail of our lives

# CONCLUSION

- ◆ God's determined and detailed plan for our salvation from eternity past magnifies the riches and abundance of His amazing grace in every aspect of our eternal salvation and has been manifested by His wisdom and focused attention