

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 5, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: Grace and Peace to You

Text: Ephesians 1:1-2

Big Idea: An introduction to riches of God's grace contained in Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

APPLICATION GUIDE

REVIEW THE SERMON

Briefly summarize the message of Ephesians in your own words.

Why does the church need the message of Ephesians still today?

APPLY THE TRUTH

How would the Ephesians have received Paul's letter in light of his greeting? How should you receive it into your life today (cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:13)?

Read the account of Paul's time in Ephesus from Acts 19. How would living in a culture like that have made being a faithful follower of Jesus difficult?

In what ways do Christians face similar difficulties in our culture today?

Set aside some time to read Paul's letter in an entire sitting (20 min), and note each occurrence of the words "grace" and "peace."

What excites you most about studying Ephesians? Choose one verse from your reading and commit it to memory.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Make Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 a prayer for yourself and for our church as we embark on a discovery of the message and application of this great letter together.