## "Joy in the Certainty of God's Promises" Sermon Series "Finding Joy" (Week 4)

Sermon

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Ephesians 1:3-14

1) The Gift of hope: enjoying the riches of His grace.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known[c] to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7-10

2) The Gift of thankfulness: Does God need our praise? No, but we need the benefit of it.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved...to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:3, 6