

Earthen Glory: Return to Ephesians

6/4/17

Ephesians chs 1-3, especially 1:3, 2:5, and 3:6

What are your thoughts or questions about Sunday's message? What specifically stood out or challenged you?

MAIN POINT: Live God's Dream-come-true

1. What is a fairy tale to you? In what ways might the gospel be likened to a fairytale? What is there that is miraculous or beyond belief about the gospel—what God has done in Christ?
2. Read Ephesians 1:3 and discuss the verse. What are the “spiritual blessings”? Compare their location in the “heavenly places” with 1:20-23. What insights does this comparison offer as to understanding the location of these blessings?
3. Read Ephesians 2:5 and discuss the importance of “grace” in God's action toward us in Christ. What conclusions should we draw from the words, “made us alive together with Christ.” What does this tell us about the secret of living successfully each and every day?
4. Read Ephesians 3:6 and discuss the “mystery”? What is it? What is revealed? Paint a word picture of this new “race” or “people” of God in Christ.
5. If dreams and fairy tales do come true, as we sometimes hear it said, how is the gospel a dream come true?