

Sermon Notes and Daily Devotional
First Congregational Church of Woodstock

Morning Worship Service:

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Philippians 4:18-20

Riches in Glory

1. Offer *Living Sacrifices of Fellowship* to God (18)!

2. These Sacrifices *Should Flow Out of Trust* in God (19).

3. Glorifying God Is *How We Enjoy God Forever* (20).

CONCLUSION: Because of Christ's once for all sacrifice for His people on the cross, we no longer need to go to the temple and make blood sacrifices. But we have the privilege of bringing God fellowship offerings in Christ as we love one another. These living sacrifices are the overflow of faith in God with our whole lives. He is trust-worthy in all of life's details. As we more and more grow in our delight in Christ, we are increasingly able to delight in one another and share all the riches that the Lord has entrusted to us together.

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, being *rich in mercy*, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show *the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus*. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 3:7-13

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles *the unsearchable riches of Christ*, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to *the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord*, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Colossians 1:24-29

²⁴ Now *I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake*, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are *the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory*. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, *struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me*.

Colossians 2:1-7

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.