## — Ephesians 1.7-10, 15-23 — **Pentecost Sunday 2022**

Eph 17 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him... <sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

* Ascension & Pentecost were cosmic, once-for-all,				
	events. We need			
the "eyes of [our] understanding enlightened" greatness of those events is not immediately	because the			

Jn 20<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to [Mary]: "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God."

Jn 16<sup>5</sup> "But now I go away to Him who sent Me... <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"

Mt 13<sup>33</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened"

Mt 1 The book of the generations of Jesus Christ (cf. Gn 5 The book of the generations of Adam)

* The Church, forme	ed by the Spirit on Pentecost, is "Christ's
, the ful	llness of Him who fills all in all" (23), and is
essential to God's pla	an in "the fullness of the times" to "gather
together in one all thi	ings in Christ, both which are in heaven
and which are on ear	th" (10).
gather together in one a and which are on earth feet, and gave Him to b His body, the fullness o	ensation of the fullness of the times He might all things in Christ, both which are in heaven—in Him <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is of Him who fills all in all 4 <sup>10</sup> He ascended far that he might fill all things.
* It is in the context	of the Church that we know:
1) The "	of [God's] calling" (18).
of corruption into <sup>23</sup> [W]e also who h	on itself also will be delivered from the bondage the glorious liberty of the children of God ave the firstfruits of the Spirit eagerly wait[] nption of our body. <sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this
-	of the glory of [God's] inheritance in the
	" (18).

Rm 8<sup>15</sup> [Y]ou received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ

**3) The "manifold** \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God" (3.10).

Eph 3 ° to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord

4) The "exceeding greatness of His \_\_\_\_\_" (19).

## \* How do we live out these truths?

## 1) The need for integration

Rv 197 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ... "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" ... <sup>11</sup> Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. and He who sat on him was called Faithful and True ... <sup>13</sup> He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron ... <sup>16</sup> And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ... 219 ... "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. ... 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb ... 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it ... 22 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" ... And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

## 2) Christ shows us the way

Eph 5<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

3) Walk with	; Walk in	;
	yourselves for one another;	All of which is
spiritual	&	

Rm 12<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

1Cor 6<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?<sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify

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God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Jn 13<sup>34</sup> "A new commandment I give to you ...; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."