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## Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 33

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His riches** to you. **Eph. 3:16-17**, "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

The Greek word here for **His riches** is *ploutos* which means fullness, abundance, plenitude, and enrichment. The standard by which God provides for us is His glorious riches. There have been what we would term, very wealthy people in this world. You can look up the list of this world's billionaires and be amazed at their financial acumen, but it only takes a stock market crash or some type of financial catastrophe for that wealth to be gone. Why? Because the wealth of this world is quite frankly based on what this world deems important. But what we think is important doesn't really matter in the eternal plan of God. What He says is important, He will supply it. This verse first of all says He will strengthen you with **power** through His Spirit. The Greek word for power is *dunamis* which means a force of miraculous strength. We get the word dynamite from this word. God wants to strengthen you with His mighty power. And secondly, He wants to supply our needs. How? **Phil. 4:19, "My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."** 

Let me just say this in the vernacular: God is not messing around! He is not just throwing out platitudes to try to ease our situations. He will supply our needs. Because of His great love and commitment to His children, He will provide. And His word says that what you and I need more than anything else is *to be strengthened in our inner being*. God knows that we are weak, fallible and prone to envy. He knows we tend to have a lust for the things of this world. But His power through His Spirit can move mountains and will cause our wants and desires to diminish and His will to be set forth through us. These are His riches. Not money or land or possessions, but His power through His Spirit in our inner being.

Dear Father, thank You for Your power according to Your glorious riches. Thank You that we are strengthened with Your power so that Christ may abide in our hearts through faith. You truly love us completely. In Jesus Name, Amen