Flying First Class (Ephesians 1:18)

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INTRODUCTION

- You can fly first class or second class. And the point that he was making by that statement, of course, is that once you are on the plane, the destination is secure.
- Of course, this analogy fails. … once you are in Christ, God has expectations of faithfulness and a failure to live faithfully could cause you to forfeit your seat.
- Not some kind of a second tier satisfaction with what we are in Christ, but really being filled up to all the fullness of God.

1 Boarding the Plane

2 Corinthians 8:9; 1 John 1:7; Ephesians 1:18

- It is only by the grace of God that any of us are on the plane.
- Though he was rich for your sake he became poor, … That you through his poverty might become rich.
- If we walk in the light as he is in the light, then the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.
- All is not hopeless when we have transgressed, unless we quit fighting the good fight of faith.
- I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of his call.
- These three words riches, glory, inheritance. In verse 18, what's not to like about those three words?

2 The View From the Plane

Ephesians 3:19

- But I think some people have the same problem in regard to faith. It's the view that's all messed up. We don't realize what we have.
- If it's a have to, rather than a want to. But you're flying second class. When you could be flying first class.
- I've made this my mission. To try to help Christians, to realize the value of what we have in Christ.
- To know and appreciate the love of Christ more and more, to marvel at his gift, to praise him with our lips and our lives, and to imitate him.
- We can even exult in tribulations. Knowing that the tribulation brings about perseverance and proven character and hope.

3 The Destination

1 Corinthians 2:9

- What eye has not seen and ear he has not heard. All that God has prepared for those who love him.
- And what heaven is all about is that we will love God without end.
- So what we're doing on this plane is we're learning to love God better and deeper.
- But being in the presence of God will never get old. Not for a day, not for a minute, not for a second.
- We are going to a place where we will truly, ultimately be filled up.

THE CHALLENGE

That's why you need to board the plane. That's why you need to fly with the proper view. And that's why the destination is worth every sacrifice. Do you need to get on the plane while there's time and opportunity?

MY NOTES