

Ephesians:

Rich in Christ



Each year, I get on a plane in Manaus, Brazil, on the Amazon River and fly east to a town called Parintins to conduct the Riverbank Bible Institute. I cannot begin to tell you how my heart begins to race when I get on that little plane that is going to take me from Manaus to Parintins. It is the most breath taking view I have ever seen in my life. For years, I would go to Brazil, fly into Manaus, go down to the bank of the Amazon River and catch a boat. We would travel down the Amazon River to our destination, which would take anywhere from 24 to, sometimes, almost 60 hours. It is amazing to be in a boat on the Amazon River. Let me tell you something the trumps that. It is when I board that little jet that rises about 20,000 feet, and fly for exactly 52 minutes from Manaus to Parintins. Because the Amazon River flows from west to east and because Manaus and Parintins are on the river, we literally fly just to the side of the Amazon River the entire trip. God, in His amazing sovereignty, always allows me to be on the side of the plane when I'm going there where I look can out my right window and see the Amazon River. Then, He always gets me on the other side of the plane when I am coming back, and I get to look out of the left window and see the Amazon River all the way back. It is a breath taking view.

Ephesians will be our 10th exit in the New Testament, or exit 49 from the beginning in the Old Testament. In this lesson, we are going to see an

aerial view of this exit because we are going to do a flyover of Ephesians. Sometimes many of us stay in the book on the ground so much of the time that sometimes we don't stop to see the beauty of the grand landscape of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. So as we take off, get ready, we are going to quickly ascend into the theological heavens of what God has done for us in Christ.

Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Ephesians deal with what God has done for us in Christ. We are going to get there quickly, and about the time we catch our breath, we are going to begin our descent. In chapters 4, 5, and 6, before we hit the ground in verse 24 of chapter 6, Paul is going to clearly lay out the truth of what we should do for God since we are in Christ. That's the book. The first part of the book talks about what God has done for us in Christ, chapters 1-3. The last 3 chapters answer what we should be doing for God, since we are in Christ. The first part deals with God's work, and the last part deals with our walk.

We are going to look at a passage that houses perhaps the second or third most beloved Scripture in the entire Bible. "For by grace you have been saved through faith," Ephesians 2:8. But I want you to see the entire context of that statement. There are many Scriptures we could have chosen from Ephesians, but I think this one perhaps captures, like no other passage, what Paul is trying to get the church of Ephesians to understand.

Scripture

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and

raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

If I were to give you a theme of Ephesians, in my mind, it would be, Rich in Christ. Our working outline breaks into 2 parts:

- 1. God's Work (Chapters 1-3)**
- 2. Our Walk (Chapters 4-6)**

When we talk about God's work, we are going to see three main things. The first 3 chapters of Ephesians:

- God has blessed us.
- God has rescued us.
- God is building us into a Holy Temple where His Holy Spirit will live.

As soon as Paul teaches us that great truth, he then reminds us that this is actually been a mystery in the Old Testament. The Old Testament saints had no clue that God was going to break down the middle wall between Jews and Gentiles and create a new body, but now this has been clearly revealed. You and I, the Church, as the Temple of God, reveal the mighty manifold wisdom of God. About the time that we get to that point, Paul will begin to descend and then he begins to talk about our walk in Ephesians 4:1.

I want us to get this; we do not do what we do in order to get God to do something for us. I can't tell you how many churches, how many Christians, get this thing backwards. You don't do for God so God will do

for you. The first thing you need to do is realize what God has done for you in Christ. If you will camp out there for a little while, then something is going to happen inside you; you will find that you have to respond to that. That is what your 'doing' is. Your 'doing' is simply a response to what God has already done. You don't 'do' to be. Your 'doing' flows from your being. In the first 3 chapters, Paul is going to talk about belief. Why is belief important? It is because belief influences behavior.

In the last 3 chapters, he is going to talk about our behavior. He uses a word often in the last 3 chapters; it is the word 'walk.' When we talk about our walk, we will outline three main things.

The last 3 chapters of Ephesians:

- Our walk should be worthy.
- Our walk should reflect our identity.
- Our walk should be under the control of God's Holy Spirit.

Paul is going to finish the book out by telling us how the Holy Spirit of God, and we being under His control, affects our church life, our home life, our work life, and our war life.

That is the book of Ephesians, but I want to make a few minor commentaries. As the co-pilot, let me point a few things out as we fly over the book of Ephesians. If you are ready for takeoff, buckle your seat belts.

God's Work

God Has Blessed Us

The first thing that Paul tells the church at Ephesus is how God has blessed us. In chapter 1:3-14, he talks about how salvation is based on the work of God the Father, the work of God the Son, and the work of God the Holy Spirit. In talking about what God has done for us in Christ, Paul talks

about the work each One of the Persons in the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The first thing he says is that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies. This is why I entitled this lesson, Rich in Christ.

1. God chose us, in Christ, before the foundation of the world.

According to unconditional election, before there even was a you, God had already made a choice of you to be holy and without blame. This was on the basis of what He was going to do in His Son, Jesus, for you. Sometimes we think of our salvation starting with our choice, when we heard the gospel, repented of sin, and put our faith and trust in Jesus. Paul wants us to know that long before we ever made a choice, God made a choice of us in Christ.

2. God predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ according to His will.

This sort of predestination gets a bad rap. As a matter fact, most people don't like to talk about it. I met this man in town when I went into his place of business. He met me at the door, said hi, told me his name, then we got to talking. He told me what church he went to then he said, "We are the church that doesn't believe in predestination." I never had the nerve to say this, but I wanted to ask why not? I mean, how Ephesians can be one of the favorite books of the Bible, and we have people who say that they don't believe in predestination? The Bible says He chose us and predestined us to adoption as sons! The word, "predestination," means 'to predetermine before.' It literally means 'to blueprint'. It means God had a finished work in mind before he ever started! Most of you don't just randomly build a house; you have a blueprint. So once God made a choice of sinners to save, He blueprinted us to be adopted as sons of God. This word, "adopted," means that He is going to bring us to Christlikeness, to full maturity; He is going to bring us to adult son-ship. The Bible says He did this arbitrarily; no, He did this in love. The fact that God chose you and blueprinted you to be like Christ is an act of His love.

3. He made you accepted, in the beloved, in Christ.

He did this to the praise of the glory of His grace. I mean guys we just got our plane off the ground, and the Bible says God did not save us for us; He saved us for Himself. God did not save us so that you and I would get glory; He saved us so that He would get glory.

There was a time before modern science when people actually looked up in the sky and thought that everything revolved around the earth. Later, we discovered that wasn't true. The sun is the center and the earth revolves around the sun, as do the other planets.

I don't know about you, but when I started out living the Christian life, I thought it was all about me. I thought I was in the center of God's world and that everything He did was for me. Later, I discovered from the Bible that it is just not true. I am not the center of God's universe; His son Jesus Christ is, and my life revolves around Him. His life doesn't revolve around me. Thus, Ephesians is going to teach clearly that salvation is God-centered, not man-centered.

4. He redeemed you by the blood of Christ.

Then immediately, we plunge into the work of God the Son. He redeemed us by His blood. He set us free from sin, and we have received forgiveness in Him. In Christ, God has made known the mystery of His will. But ultimately, He is bringing everything together into oneness in Christ, and again, this is to the praise of the glory of His grace.

5. He sealed you with the Holy Spirit

Then, Paul is going to conclude by saying that the Father has not only blessed us by choosing us, predestining us, accepting us, redeeming us, and forgiving us, but he has actually sealed us with the Holy Spirit of promise. The moment you believe in the gospel, the moment you turn from being a sinner and put your faith in Christ, you receive the Holy Spirit, and the Person of the Holy Spirit in your life is the seal of your salvation.

This word, "seal," was used various ways in the Greek world, primarily to denote ownership, to guarantee contents, to guarantee destination.

He talks about how the Holy Spirit is the down payment. You have, in your possession, the down payment of your full and final salvation, and that is the presence of God's Spirit in your life. Talk about security of a believer! Paul uses an economic term here. If I purchase something from you and give you a down payment, I am saying there is more to come later. If I change my mind and don't bring more money later, I don't get my down payment back. You will get the full and final salvation God has promised you. You will one day be just like Christ, and you will sit at the family table forever in Heaven, because God guaranteed it. He has already given you the first part, the presence of His Spirit. There is no way that you, a believer, could ever not wind up in Heaven. For you to not wind up in Heaven and wind up in Hell, would mean you would take the Holy Spirit of God with you. I'll just be honest; God might send you to Hell, but God would never send His Holy Spirit. God cannot break His Word! Thus, what we learn in Ephesians because of the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are eternally secure in the work of God in Christ.

God Has Rescued Us

Then, Paul prays that God will open the eyes of us, as believers, so that we would understand this hope we have; this inheritance that God has. He wants us to understand that the same power that reached down and raised Jesus back alive is the same power of God that reached down and raised you back alive. It is the same power He is now using to work in your life to ultimately make you just like Christ! Is there any possibility that God would have left Christ in that grave?...No...Was there any power that could have prevented God from raising Jesus from the dead?...No...Therefore, is there any power can prevent you from being who God has ultimately designed you to be?...Absolutely not! Ephesians 1 is teaching that God didn't rescue you and then leave it up to you. God rescued you, and He continues to use the resurrection power that He raised Jesus with in your life!

Then, just to show you how great this is Paul takes us back to when we were sinners, dead in sin and trespass. He said that we walked around as a dead person, following the course of the world. We looked just like the world; we were in fashion with the world! What the world did, we did; we were one of them. We were really following the prince of the power of the air, Satan. We were not just following Satan, but we were carried away with our own desires and passion. The reason was because we were children of wrath, sons of disobedience. Does it get any worse than that?

"But God," who is rich in His mercy, with "the great love with which He loved us,...made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—." Do you see how Paul pictures salvation? Paul does not picture salvation as you and I being rescued from Hell and given a home in Heaven. In this passage, Paul paints your salvation as being rescued from deadness in sin. Deadness in sin means you were a sinner; you were a slave to your unredeemed flesh. In blessing you, when God rescued you, the first thing He did was make you alive. He made you alive from being dead in sin. He made you alive in Christ. When He made you alive, He didn't leave you in the tomb of sin. Graveyards are for dead people! He raised us up out of a life of sin after He made us alive, and has already spiritually seated us in Christ in the heavenly. So when we think about the work of our salvation, we are alive, raised up, and walking out of old sinful behavior because we are already at the right hand throne of God in Christ. Yes, we are sitting here right now, but spiritually, we are where Christ is, and He is at the right hand throne of God. Paul is trying to teach us that in one sense your salvation is already finished, because your salvation is in Christ.

Now, why did God do this? Ephesians 2 teaches that it is so we would be a trophy of grace. We have some old trophies at our house. If we were to bring these trophies out to show them to you, hopefully, not a one of you would brag about the trophy. Hopefully, not a one of you would ask what kind of wood it is, or marvel over the engraving, or the cool picture of a motorcycle. I hope you would look at that trophy and see that the trophy

says 1st place Midwest Regional. Then you would know that of all the kids who raced motorcycles in the whole Midwest section of the United States, my son raced three motocross races on that particular day, and won all three, taking 1st place. He qualified for the National's at Loretta! So when you see that trophy, that trophy doesn't talk about the trophy; it talks about the accomplishment of my son.

Your life was not meant to bring honor and glory to you. Your life is meant to be lived so that when others see you, they are amazed at the work of God in Christ on a cross, and how you were rescued from a life of sin and have been transformed into a masterpiece of God! Have you ever wondered why God just doesn't heal you instantly? Why didn't He just take all the 'yuck' away? Why has it been such a slow process? It is because God wants people to see you and remember who you used to be, so that when they look at you now, the only thing they can say is, "What a God!" When people see some of you students walking around your college campus, or some of you at your job, someone ought to look at your life and say, "That is a Christ," or "That is a God." The Bible says God rescued us from sin, made us alive, raised us up, seated us with Christ in the heavenlies, and we are His workmanship. "Workmanship" literally means we are His masterpiece. How dare any of us look at ourselves as a believer in Christ and think we are junk! God is not running a junkyard. You are a masterpiece. Now, I am not trained in the world of art but I know sometimes people go through art museums and say, "That is a Rembrandt," or "That is a Van Gogh." Do you realize that is why God put you where He put you? It was so people could say, "That is a God, or "That is a Christ"; it is God working on you!

God is building us into a Holy Temple where His Holy Spirit will live.

God broke down the middle wall of partition between us and Jews. Jews just thought they were better than we Gentiles. They had special revelation, and we had natural revelation. But the whole time, God's plan

was to one day send His Son Jesus, born of a Jewish nation, to a cross, so He could take down the sign in the Temple that says *foreigners*, (that is you and me) *stay out*. You see, if we had gone past that sign, we would have lost our life because only the Jews could go into the holier part of the Temple precinct. But God took that sign down!

When He put His Son on the cross, He didn't just die for the sin of the Jews, He died for the sin of the whole world, so that He could reconcile Jews and Gentiles into one new body. Do you know what He is doing? He is building a Temple. In His Temple is where His Holy Spirit is going to live. Today, the Holy Spirit of God lives in His Church, and that is you and I.

The Church should reflect that the walls, which have hindered and been barriers in the past, have been broken down. Hardin Baptist Church should reflect this community. When it comes to being the people of God, I shouldn't hunt out someone just like me; who has my color of skin, my dialect, my economic standing, or my social standing in the community. I don't go to church to reflect who I am; I go to church to reflect who He is! The reason I go to church is because I am the Church.

In the Church, there should be no racial tension! Those of us who don't have much shouldn't be lambasting those who have a lot! In the Church, what separated us, sin, a selfish outlook on life, has been done away with! I am a 'brick', that used to be in sin, but am now alive in Christ. God has taken me and put me beside another 'brick', (a brother in Christ) and together, we make up the Temple of God. If I rode my bicycle here and you drove your Mercedes, we are still bricks joined together, because God's ultimate design was to take us in our sinfulness, redeem us from it, and start building us together so that there can be a people on the planet who have His Spirit in them, and the world will know that is His Temple! We don't want people to drive down the highway and see brick and mortar, and think that is Hardin Baptist Church. No, God didn't put Hardin Baptist Church beside the highway; God put Hardin Baptist Church in this entire region because He wants people to see His Temple.

Now listen, the Old Testament prophets didn't get it. They thought the Temple was going to be a physical building in Jerusalem and everyone was going to come to that building. No, God's Temple is you and I. He doesn't expect everyone to come to the Temple; He expects the Temple to go where the people are.

Our Walk

Our Walk Should Be Worthy

Now let's look at the last section in chapters 4-6. After talking about God's work, Paul then talks about our walk. In chapter 4:1, he says our walk should be worthy. "Walk," here, refers to your lifestyle. Your lifestyle should be "worthy." This word, "worthy," means 'to weigh as much as.' It is an important word. Here is the picture; on those ancient scales, there was a place to put the standard weight. In this particular passage and in the end of the book, that standard is "our calling." Our calling is on one side of the scales, and we are on the other side of the scales. Our lifestyle, our behavior, and our conduct, should balance the scale. Do you hear me? Your walk should weigh as much as your calling.

When I was a kid, I liked helping my Papaw on the farm. He had this big old wrench he would put on the dual on a tractor to either take off or put on. He would put a bar on the end of the wrench, and then put another steel bar over that to make it about seven or eight feet long. I would watch he and my dad get on that bar and put pressure down on it, and you could hear it making a ticking sound. I can remember when Papaw and Daddy put those bars on there, I would jump out there at the end of that eight feet and I would be jumping up and down, holding on to the tractor with all my weight, and nothing would happen. My Papaw would look at me and he would say, "Ricky, you don't have enough lead in your britches." Well that discouraged me. I wanted to be a helper on the farm and I didn't have

enough lead in my britches! I began to understand that what that meant was I didn't have enough weight to do the job.

Are you listening? Based on what God has done for you in Christ, your life should weigh as much as your calling. Let me tell you what I think the calling is here in Ephesians chapter 4. You may disagree, but in the context, I think the calling is that you have been called to be part of the body of Christ. You have been called to be a member of the Church. How are you doing? If we put what membership in the body of Christ means on one side of the scales, are you balancing the scales? Your walk in Christ will reveal what kind of member of the Church you are. My fear is that God might one day say, "Ricky, you just don't have enough lead in your britches."

So, what do I need to do, what is my response to that fear? Notice in the first 16 verses of chapter 4, Paul goes through some things that should be in our lives: humility, gentleness, meekness, patience, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the body in peace. Then he lists seven "one's" that we should be striving for, "one's" in our lives that ought to cause us to be in unity as a body.

Just after he talks about me being unified in the body, then he starts talking about diversity in the body. When Jesus Christ went to Heaven, He actually gave gifts to certain people in the body: leaders, pastors, evangelists, apostles, prophets. These gifts of leaderships have been given to the Church so that I will recognize I have been transformed from a sinner into a saint, and as a saint, I am to be equipped. This word, "equip," was used in the Roman world to talk about getting an army ready for war, a ship ready to sail, or a net ready to fish with. When you think about being a part of the Temple of the Lord, I don't want you to think about a place you go to on the side of the highway. I want you to think about yourself being part of the army of God, and we are in a war.

I want you to see yourself as a part of a big cargo ship. You are not a cruise ship, where you pay your tithe, give your offering, and it is all about

you. You are a hand on a deck of a cargo ship, and the reason you are part of the body of Christ is because we have a precious cargo to deliver, and that cargo is the gospel of Jesus Christ! We want every port in this world to have the gospel! Within the spiritual lake we live on, we have to fish a little bit. We have to share the message of Jesus Christ because without the hearing of the Word, there is no faith, and without faith in Jesus Christ, there is no salvation. We have been called to fish. Do you know how long we are going to do this? It is not till your kids get saved, or your daddy gets saved, or your grandkids get saved, we are going to do what we do as a church until the Lord comes again and we all come to the full measure of the stature of Christ.

Our walk Should Reflect Our Identity

In chapter 4:17-5:16, Paul talks about how our walk should reflect our identity. He said you used to do this and you shouldn't be doing it anymore. You liars shouldn't be lying anymore. You gossipers shouldn't gossip anymore. You drunkards shouldn't be drunk anymore. Those addicted to pornography shouldn't be addicted anymore. You shouldn't be doing it because that is not who you are anymore. You are not a sinner anymore. You were a sinner who got saved, but you don't put those two together and think you are a saved sinner. You are drawing a wrong conclusion. The Bible teaches that when you got saved, you died to sin and became alive to God, and you now have a new nature. The old man you were is dead; he has been buried with Christ. When Christ got up, a new you got up. Your walks should reflect that you are a saint of God, and your nature is to obey God.

Therefore, Paul tells me to walk in love. You are not to just love those people who are nice to you, but love your enemies. He says walk in light, don't walk in the darkness that you used to walk in, now you walk in light. There ought to be a change in your life, and your walk should reflect that. Your life should reflect that you are not a sinner anymore, but a child of God.

Our Walk Should be Under the Control of God's Holy Spirit

Paul closes by telling us that our walk should be under the control of God's Holy Spirit. He starts this section off by first saying he understands what the will of the Lord is. Then he says not to be drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but to be filled with the Spirit. The word, "fill," here means 'to be under the control of.' The first is a negative command, "do not get drunk with wine." Then he gives us a positive, "but be filled with the Spirit."

I think I can say this without offending everybody, but I have never seen alcohol bring out the best in someone who gets drunk. The reason is because in pharmacology, alcohol is not a stimulant; it is a depressant. That means when you get drunk with alcohol, it brings out the worst in you.

Paul making this contrast because Greek and Roman society saw people under the influence of alcohol and the negative behavior it brought, and he contrast that with a stimulant, and that is the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit of God never brings out the worst in you, it always the best. So Paul doesn't want the Church to be under the influence of alcohol, he wants us to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Then he tells us that when we are under the influence of the Holy Spirit, it affects our church life, our home life, our work life, and our war life.

I want you to note that the phrase, "to be filled with the Spirit," is a passive verb and an imperative verb, which means you do not do the filling. You don't do something that causes God to fill you. This is saying that each one of us is under the command to make sure we are in a place where God can and will fill us with His Spirit. If you are not clean before God, He is probably not going to fill you with His Spirit. You and I would do a lot of damage, in sin, with the Holy Spirit of God. So what you and I have to do is strive to be clean.

Please stay confessed up, please turn from the sin that God makes you aware of by His Holy Spirit, and always be clean before God.

Then, yield to His leadership. When you are driving and you see that yield sign, that means the guy in the other lane has the right of way and you yield to him. You don't get in front of him; you yield. In the same way, you don't get out front and then ask God's Spirit to be in control of you. You have to yield leadership of your life.

Then, be conscious. Be conscious of the presence of God's Holy Spirit in your life as He leads you and guides you. This shows up in church in five participles that describe being filled with the Holy Spirit and your relationship to the Church. You will address one another in:

1. Psalms
2. Hymns
3. Spiritual songs
4. Singing
5. Making melody in your heart to the Lord

That is not what I expected God to say. I expected Him to say I would read my Bible, I would be evangelistic; I would tithe, but no. The evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life in church is first to enjoy coming together with God's people and worshipping the Lord. Taking the psalms, the hymns, and the spiritual songs and using them to worship the Lord; giving thanks to the Lord in all things, in everything! It is being a thankful Christian, not a complaining, bellyaching, criticizing Christian. Then, it is submitting to one another. When the Holy Spirit of God moves in your life as a member of the Church, you don't put yourself ahead of somebody else. There is a mutual submissiveness where I put others ahead of myself, and others put me ahead of them. That is the kind of body He is building.

Then Paul talks about how it affects us at home. If you men are under the control of God's Holy Spirit, you will love your wife like Christ loves the Church. How dare some of us men to read our Bibles, say our prayers, give

money to the Church, teach Sunday school classes, preach, and do what we do, and then treat our wives the way we treat our wives. Somehow, we want to believe God filled us while we preached! Are you kidding me? At home, the evidence of a man under the control of God's Spirit is that he loves his wife like Christ loved the Church. He is redeeming her from her spots and wrinkles.

Do you know what the wife is doing at home? She is submitting. I know it is not a popular word today, ladies, but it means you bring yourself under the authority of your husband. You recognize he is the head and you are the body, and you look to him for leadership. You do this because you recognize that you picture the Church and its relationship to Christ. God has a plan for your life as a wife, and it is not just raising your kids; it's bringing honor and glory to God by showing your neighbors, your family, and your friends why the Church was drawn to Christ.

Paul doesn't leave the kids out. When children come to the age of salvation, they learn to be obedient if they are in a home where the Holy Spirit is in control. They will honor mom and dad, because mom and dad are rearing their children in the way of the Lord. In the husband-wife relationship, there is oneness when the Holy Spirit is in control. In the parent-child relationship, there is obedience. Did you catch that? It is not parents obedient to the children, but the children obedient to the parents.

Then Paul goes into our work life. Quit working for the company. Quit working for a raise. Quit working for a promotion. Paul says if you are under the control of the Holy Spirit, you will work for God. You will want to be the best worker you can be, because you realize if you are working for God at work, God will use you to influence others. Listen, I actually have businesses in the community who will call me and ask if I have anyone in our church who doesn't have a job. They have heard of the reputation of this church and they want members of this church to work for them. Wow! Oh, how that thrills me! Every lost business owner in this community should desire to employ Christians, because we work for our Father.

Then Paul closes with our war life. Every morning, the Holy Spirit of God should lead you to put on the whole armor of God, because you realize you are in a battle. We will take some hits and punches, but at the end of the day, and we will still be standing. We will be standing because we are standing in the armor of God!

What if, when your life is over and you stand before God, He weighed you and all His expectations of your life as a church member were on one side of the scales? You don't want to feel like I did that day Papaw said, "You just don't have enough lead in your britches." The life we are living right now will one day be weighted by God. I pray that because of what God has done for us, our walk will have the lead it needs. Have you got enough lead in your britches?