

THE BOUNDLESS RICHES OF CHRIST!

Ephesians 3:1-12

INTRODUCTION: Men seek after the riches of this world and here the apostle Paul contrasts those riches with those of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul loved to speak of the riches of Christ: Ephesians 3:18-19. In Christ we are more than conquerors: Romans 8:35-39.

I. THE RICHES OF CHRIST AS OUR EXAMPLE!

The apostle Peter tells us that Jesus Christ is to be our example in every field of life: 1 Peter 2:18-21. Our Lord Jesus not only talked about the way we ought to live, He set the example. However we are more like sheep and are prone to go astray: Isaiah 53:6. Jesus set the example of being a servant to God and to others by his life: John 13:13-17; 1 Peter 1:5-6. We are called to suffer, following the example of our Lord Jesus and considering it an honor. 1 Peter 2:21; Philippians 1:29. Here our Lord Jesus set the example; when others reviled Him he reviled not again. Instead of reviling He prayed for those who reviled Him. Luke 23:33-34. We need not walk in darkness when we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and chose to forgive others as our Heavenly Father has forgiven us.

II. THE RICHES OF CHRIST AS A FRIEND!

Man was made for friendship: Genesis 2:18. Our Lord Jesus seeks a living friendship with you as well: Matthew 26:13. Having the wrong kind of friendships can end in great sorrow. Jesus is a friend who not only does us good, but who awakens the good that is within our souls. Proverbs 27:6. Jesus will always warn His friends when they are going astray: Luke 22:31-32: truly what a friend we have in Jesus!

III. THE BOUNDLESS RICHES OF CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER!

The Word of God tells us that the greatest thing a friend can do for their friends is to die for them: John 15:12-14. When we are following the example of our Lord we can tell others to follow our example: 1 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:16-18. Our Lord Jesus Christ is inexhaustible in the riches of His person as our Redeemer! Our Lord Jesus is the infinite God; and yet the perfect man, who knows our sorrows and our temptations: John 3:16. God showed His greatest love for you and me in giving His only begotten Son's life while we were still sinners: Romans 5:6-8. Boundless too are the riches of Christ in the pardoning of our sin by the death of our Lord Jesus Christ as of a Lamb without spot or blemish. Romans 11:33. Truly our redemption makes us cry out with the apostle Paul" 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 1 Peter 2:7-8. Do you know Jesus Christ as your Redeemer? Only those who have by faith believed God has sent a Redeemer in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ can know or ever will know the boundless riches of Christ!

