

## The Unsearchable Riches of Christ

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### Introduction

1. Ephesians 3:1-10
2. What are the riches of the earth, sea, or sun?
3. People will do almost anything for riches, who wants to marry a millionaire?
4. Remember Judas sold out for thirty pieces of silver.
5. These riches are temporary at best 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Matthew 6:19-21
6. What are these riches compared to the riches of Christ Matthew 16:26
7. There are riches in Christ Romans 11:33; Psalm 36:6; 92:5; 1 Peter 1:7
8. I want us to consider the riches that are in Christ and that they can be found!

### II Discussion

- A. These riches can be found!
  - a. These riches have been made known Ephesians 1:9, 18; 3:3, 4, 9-10; 5:32; 6:19
  - b. They may have been hid for a while 1 Peter 1:9-12; 2 Corinthians 3:13
  - c. Thus we can enjoy these blessing if we will search for them Acts 17:11
- B. What are these Riches?
  - a. Riches in grace Ephesians 1:7; 2:7
    - i. What has Christ done for us?
    - ii. What was planned in the mind of God because of sin. Ephesians 1:4-5
  - b. Riches in glory Ephesians 1:18; 3:16; Philippians 4:19
    - i. The hope of going on to heaven
    - ii. The strength we need to make it through the trials of life 1 Peter 1:7
    - iii. The care God gives to His people to make it.
  - c. Rich in mercy 2:4
    - i. God has given us a plan of salvation
    - ii. We must work the works of God John 6:28-29
  - d. Riches of His goodness Romans 2:4
    - i. The goodness of God leads to repentance
    - ii. But repentance is not all there is!
- C. Who are these riches for?
  - a. These riches are for all mankind 2 Corinthians 8:9; Mark 16:15-16
  - b. Those who are children of God Romans 8:17

### III Conclusion

1. You can know these riches, we have told you what some of them are, and you know they are for you.
2. Will you accept these riches as yours, by believing, repenting, confessing and repenting and by being baptized?
3. If you have done that but have left your riches behind, they receive these riches again, by repenting, confessing and praying

Sources: Preach for a year #5 Roger Campbell; Handfuls on Purpose Series II pages 277; The Book of Ephesians, Getwell lectureship, Curtis Cates; Garland Elkins and Thomas Warren Editors; The book of Ephesians Denton Lectureship.