

THE POVERTY THAT MADE US RICH

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TEXT: **2 Corinthians 8:9**

THESIS: To demonstrate how the sacrifice of Christ Jesus has made it possible for us to become adopted children of God with inheritance.

INTRODUCTION

1. Would you send all your income to someone and change ownership of all you have to this person, so that he can be rich while you roam around on the street, begging for food and shelter?
2. I am sure you may think, this doesn't make sense, why would anyone do that?
3. Yes, that is what our Lord Jesus Christ did. He gave all up that you and I can be rich. In **2 Cor. 8:9**

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

4. I will share with you three main points in this lesson.
 - I. **HE WAS RICH**
 - II. **HE BECAME POOR**
 - III. **YOU CAN BECOME RICH**

DISCUSSION:

I. **HE WAS RICH**

A. **He was rich in Heaven**

1. He was in the glory of God (John 17:4-6).
2. All things were made by Him and for Him (Col. 1:14-17).
3. He made all things and ruled over all things (Psalm 45:6-7).
4. Isaiah saw His glory and realized the inferiority of man (Isa. 6:1-5, cf. John 12:41).

B. **He was in the likes of God and was God!**

1. He was with God and was God (John 1:1-4).
2. He was God but became as man (Phil. 2:5-7).
3. He is eternal and has been from the beginning (John 8:54-59).

II. **HE BECAME POOR**

A. **At His birth He was poor**

1. It was prophesied that He will be born among the little (Micah 5:2).
2. He was to be born without riches and glory (Isa. 53:1-3).

B. He lived as a poor man

1. He became a man and lived among His creature (Phil 2:7-8).
2. No special place of abode/apartment (Luke 9:58).
3. Didn't have money to even pay His tribute money (Matt 17:24-27).
4. Didn't ride on horses but a borrowed donkey (Matt 21:1-9, cf. Zech 9:9).

C. He was denied justice

1. He was accused falsely (Mark 14:55-64).
2. He was sentenced to death (John 19:4-6).
3. He was counted among sinners (Mark 15:27-28).

D. He suffered, bled and died

1. He was mocked, beaten, spit on, and crucified (Mark 15:16-20).
2. He was denied clean water, though He created it, He died with thirst (John 19:28-31).
3. He cried out, bled, and died (Luke 23:46).
4. He had no children; His life was taken from Him (Isa. 53:7-8).

III. YOU CAN BECOME RICH

A. We were poor in sin

1. All we like sheep were gone astray (Isa 53:6, Matt 9:36).
2. We were not part of the commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:11-13).
3. We walked like the world with no Hope after death (Eph 2:12).

B. He paid the debt that we owed

1. He purchased us from the state of having no God (Eph 2:14-17).
2. His blood was for the propitiation of our sins that we may be reconciled us with God (Rom. 5:6-11).
3. He has made us anew and that we can pass over death to life (Rom. 8:1-2, John 5:24).

C. He brought us to the transitional house of God, the church.

1. He conveyed us into His kingdom (Col. 1:12-13, Acts 26:18).
2. He made it possible that we would be redeemed from the world of sin (1 Cor 6:9-11).
3. He gave us the family of Christians (Eph 2:18-22).

D. Blessed us with every spiritual blessing

1. He has blessed us with all blessings (Eph. 1:3-7).
2. He made us to have fellowship with the Godhead (2 Cor. 13:14).
 - a. Fellowship of the Father and the Son (1 John 1:3).
 - b. Fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 4:6-7).
3. We have become God's children through faith (John 1:11-13).

4. We have become friends and not servants, with the owner of the world (John 15:15).
5. We pray and the Spirit of God make it possible for us to be heard (Rom. 8:26-27).

E. Heaven Awaits us

1. We had no inheritance but now have been given (Col 1:12-13).
2. We have inheritance reserved in Heaven for us (1 Pet 1:3-4).
3. We are children of God and heirs of God (Rom. 8:16-17).
4. He is gone to prepare a place for us (John 14:1-3).
5. He will again and we will be with Him forever (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

CONCLUSION

1. May this message help us all to be rooted in love and understand the breadth, length, depth and height of the Love of Christ (Eph. 3:17-19)
2. Jesus bled and died for us. He was rich, but He became poor so that you can become rich through His poverty.
3. What are you waiting for? Why not become rich in the Lord now, calling on the name of the Lord? (Acts 22:16).
 - a. Believe the gospel (John 8:24).
 - b. Repent from your sins (Acts 2:38).
 - c. Confess Jesus as The Son of God (Acts 8:37).
 - d. Be Baptized for your salvation (1 Pet. 3:21).
 - e. Live faithfully in the church (Eph 5:17).