



The *Unsearchable Riches* of **CHRIST**

It began before the creation of the world. **He was predestined to die:** to pay the price for the sins of mankind, to redeem a lost people, to strengthen a weak people, to preserve the elect and transform their bodies to be like his then, to share his glory and rulership over everything in heaven and earth with these righteous and faithful people. **How abundantly generous without limits and honorable is our Savior?**

To the Ephesians, Paul pressed, “And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, **to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you may be **filled to the measure of all the fullness of God**” (Ephesians 3:18-19).

How merciful and kind is our Father in heaven—the Creator God—the Almighty God to patiently work with a rebellious creation who test and try Him relentlessly before they repent, submit, abhor their wrong doings, and turn to Him willingly and sincerely to then be gifted generously with unsearchable riches?

Paul wrote, “**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.** For he chose us in him **before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.** In love **he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ...** to the praise of his **glorious grace that he lavished on us** in all wisdom and understanding” (Ephesians 1:3-8).

THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF KNOWING OUR GOD—OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, is developing a relationship with Him through Christ and becoming one with Him is an honor and opportunity of priceless value. Beyond any riches on earth and the greatest prize in heaven is the acceptance of our Father’s out-stretched arms to bring us intimately close to Him, to learn and live His way.

“In him and through faith in him, **we may approach God with freedom and confidence**” (Ephesians 3:12).

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and **to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness**” (Ephesians 4:22-24).

THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF THE REDEEMING LOVE OF GOD is a wonder that mesmerizes the followers of Christ. Our God is perfect in all things; He will never change. He has set in motion the great plan of redemption for ALL of mankind. He wishes all to repent and

choose life. He wishes to bestow on His creation all of the riches that go beyond redemption, but into life eternal watching us as we triumph challenges, pursue adventures, and accomplish astounding feats with unending and limitless success.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life**” (John 3:16).

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance**” (II Peter 3:9).

“**Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost**” (Matthew 18:14).

“I tell you that in the same way **there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent” (Luke 15:7).

GOD’S PARDONING MERCY OPENS THE WAY INTO GOD’S HEART WHERE LIES THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF HIS ESSENCE. Our Father in heaven is a merciful God who continually forgives our sins, while gently wiping away our tears. His compassion is endless, His kindness overflows the deepest of caverns, His patience is relentlessly enduring, and His love is eternal.

“But because of **his great love for us**, God, who is **rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4-5).

“**Have mercy on me**, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2).

“Who is a God like you, **who pardons sin and forgives the transgression** of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but **delight to show mercy**” (Micah 7:18).

“God has bound all men over to disobedience so that **he may have mercy on them all**” (Romans 11:32).

“But **love your enemies**, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful**” (Luke 6:35-36).

“**He will wipe every tear from their eyes.** There will be **no more death or mourning or crying or pain**, for the older order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

THE SANCTIFYING GRACE OF GOD HONOURS HUMILITY AND SERVITUDE, CHARACTERISTICS THAT SENDS RIPPLES DOWN THE SPINE OF THE REPENTANT AS THE ROAD TO THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST IS UNCOVERED.

God remains hidden to the proud but reveals himself to the humble. The fabric of perfection is humility in works of service. So, the great God who is the essence of perfection is humble and serving, loving and enduring, unchanging and eternally righteous. The unsearchable riches of Christ disclose the depths our Father in heaven and what He will do to save His creation, pleading with mankind to repent and be saved.

"God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble**" (James 4:6).

"Yet **the Lord longs to be gracious to you**; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For **the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!**" (Isaiah 30:18)

"The Lord is **compassionate and gracious**, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8).

"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—**not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time**" (II Timothy 1:9).

"For **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, and all are **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:23-24).

"Let us then approach **God's throne of grace** with confidence, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need**" (Hebrews 4:16).

"For **the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people**. It teaches us to say **'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to **live self-controlled, upright and godly lives** in this present age" (Titus 2:11-12).

"It is **by grace you have been saved**" (Ephesians 2:5).

THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION IS TRUSTING IN AND BELIEVING THE ALMIGHTY GOD WHO STANDS EAGERLY WAITING TO GIFT HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS WITH RICHES BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION.

Life forever in a loving family ruled by God our father as head, Christ as His body and the church as the body of Christ will be the core to the ruling royal family of God, soon on the horizon. God's plan remains unfinished with time still for many to repent and turn away from darkness to the light of God. Mankind is a unique creation of God; a new ruling creation destined to be sons of God. The unsearchable riches of Christ reveal a special and unique ruling core of three who will rule both heaven and earth. This offer to include mankind is an honor of great magnitude, which the dark ruling principalities and authorities have tried to hide. Our Creator God has a plan and it is far

from completion. Unsearchable riches will pop out before us at every stage and the next great revelation will appear with the return of Christ, just on the horizon.

“But to all who did receive Him, to those **who believed in His name**, He gave **the right to become children of God**” (John 1:2).

“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that **we are God's children**” (Romans 8:16).

“No, the Father himself loves you **because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God**” (John 16:27).

“**How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!** And that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1)

“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you **received the Spirit of sonship**. And by him we cry, “**Abba, Father.**” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that **we are God's children**” (Romans 8:15-16).

“And **He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church**” (Ephesians 1:22).

“For I [God, Father in heaven] feel a **divine** jealousy for you, since I [God, Father in heaven] **betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ**” (II Corinthians 11:2).

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb** has come, and **his Bride has made herself ready**; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure—**for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints**. And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God’” (Revelation 19:7-9).

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**” (Revelation 21:1-2).

THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST IS AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING GIFT THAT IS SO GENEROUS AND OF A MAGNITUDE TOO GREAT TO ACCEPT, EXCEPT IN

GENUINE HUMILITY ON BENT KNEE. Who are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that an honored Son of God was willing to reduce himself to a mere mortal and live in a sin ridden offensive world and die for us? Who are we that he would willingly endure the scourging, beating, and the shameful death of a crucifixion to pay the penalty for us? Who are we that he would willingly die, while we were still sinners—ungrateful of his suffering? Who are we that he would want to share HIS GLORY with us? Who are we that he would want to share rulership over everything in heaven and earth with us? **Who are we?**

We were created to be a suitable co-ruler for him. His love for us is an expression of Godly depths, which are overflowing in kindness, compassion and forever enduring in love. His demonstration of his great love on the cross is an act that guarantees his commitment to us: to love us eternally. The sharing in HIS GLORY is an act of generosity known only in the closest council of the Almighty God. This level of generosity cannot be measured and our acceptance can only be in humility on bent knee—forever in gratitude, revering him, serving him and trusting in him because he is faithful and true to his father; **WE** are faithful and true to **OUR** father—the **Almighty God**. **So, are the unsearchable riches of Christ.**

"And there is salvation in no one else; for **there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved**" (Acts 4:12).

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:11-12).

"Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27).

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

"And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:20-21).

"This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

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