

**Hope at Christmas**  
**The Basis of Hope – 2 Corinthians 8:9**

**Intro:** The hope that we have at Christmas has not appeared out of nowhere. Hope was made known when Christ was born and showed God's grace toward man to those who "don't deserve it, cannot earn it, and will never be able to repay it."

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ Grace – "Though he was rich..."**  
(Also Psalm 50:12; Philippians 2:6-7)

Jesus Christ is infinitely \_\_\_\_\_ as the eternal Son of God.

Jesus revealed \_\_\_\_\_ perfectly and fully.

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ Grace – "Yet for your sakes he became poor..."**  
(Also Philippians 2:6-7; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:58; John 19:23)

Of everything that the Son can do from the throne of heaven, taking away sin is not one of them. He had to become the God/man (1 John 3:5; Philippians 2:8; Colossians 2:14)

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ Grace – "You by His poverty might become rich."**

Calvin – "The Son of God who was made the Son of Man, took our condition upon Himself and He transferred to us what was His by nature for us to possess fully."

By the riches of His grace, we possess everything needed to meet our needs and desires. We are rich! We have hope!

A. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 8:1

B. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – Philippians 4:13

C. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 5:1

D. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – John 10:10

E. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 John 3:1

F. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 8:16

G. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 2:4

H. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 2:12-13

**Conclusion:** Are you in the wrong house looking under the wrong tree?

Jesus in his person and his work came to be the basis for our hope. But we must in faith turn to him, and having done so, continue to find in Him all that we need, thus making us rich in the hope that money cannot buy.