

Unfathomable Riches
Ephesians 3:1-13

Introduction: One million million, or one thousand billion, this is what a trillion dollars amounts to. One billion seconds ago was 1987 one trillion was 30,000 BC! Our government is on pace to spend 6.8 trillion dollars this year, even without these monstrous “infrastructure” bills that are in debate now. Part of the problem with these numbers is that we cannot even really wrap our minds around how much money this really is. It is incomprehensible. This is the term used by Paul to describe the riches that we have in Christ. In this passage those riches relate to a mystery revealed and a ministry received.

I. A mystery revealed (2-6)

A. The character of this mystery

B. The revelation of this mystery

C. The content of this mystery

II. A ministry received (7-12)

A. The description of this ministry

B. The purpose of this ministry

C. The result of this ministry

Conclusion: What do we truly value? Health, peace, comfort, or money? None of these are guaranteed in this world. Oh that we would value God’s word, the access that we have in Christ, fellowship that is ours in Christ, and the ministry that we have to others more than we do anything that this world could offer us. May we find our greatest satisfaction in the unfathomable riches of Christ!

Questions for discussion/application

- What gifts of God's grace are described in this passage?
- Verse 12 reads "In whom we have boldness and confident access in Him." The words in Him could refer to Christ's faithfulness ("Of Him" a subjective genitive) or they could refer to the believer's faithfulness ("In Him" an objective genitive) Which do you believe fits the context better? Why? Are both true?
- How should this passage impact our daily Christian lives?
- What does v.10 mean? Who are the "rulers and authorities" in the heavenly places?
- What does it mean to be a "fellow heir" a "fellow member of the body" and a "fellow partaker of the promise in Christ"? (v. 6)