

September 16th – You Can Be Rich

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor. 8:9)

Our culture is obsessed with wealth. Everywhere you turn it seems that someone’s got a “get rich quick” scheme they’re trying to market. While some have achieved amazing wealth, the reality is that most of us will struggle to make our ends meet. And for those who are able to pay the bills, it can still be a challenge to save resources for the future. Bottom line – very few of us will become wealthy in this life.

But just because we may not achieve great wealth doesn’t mean that we can’t be rich. We need to change our definition of what it means to be rich. The greatest riches a man can possess are not financial, but spiritual. Spiritual wealth has been made available to us through the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Our verse says that Christ “was rich.” Does that mean He was a successful businessman and multi-millionaire? Of course not, in fact Jesus once said, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (Luke 9:58). He may not have had great earthly wealth, but being God Himself, He possessed great heavenly glory! Surely, He was rich!

Yet, “He became poor.” In other words, He took on our human flesh, lived a life of poverty, suffered at the hands of evil men, and endured the cruel mockery of death by crucifixion. Why would the God of the Universe leave such wealth to take on such poverty? Jesus said it is because we are loved by God (John 3:16). The good news of the Gospel is that “you through His poverty might become rich.” Through faith in Jesus, you can become the richest person in the world! Someone once said, “the Christian life doesn’t pay much, but the benefits are out of this world.” Amen and Amen!