

Riches of Grace – Part 3

Sunday 26th February 2023

Foundation Scriptures:

Ephesians 1:1-10, Job 29:20, Ephesians 3:8

God has a plan, and you are encoded in that plan!

Introduction

Ephesians 3:8 speaks into the things that God has prepared for our enjoyment.

One of the most important things to do as a believer is to pursue Christ.

The unsearchable riches cannot be figured out; they are received by faith.

The Unsearchable Riches of Christ

The riches of Christ's grace operate through the Spirit of power, the Spirit of wisdom, and the Spirit of revelation.

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"The unsearchable riches of Christ are what Christ is to us such as light, life, righteousness, and holiness; what Christ has done for us; and what Christ has accomplished, attained and obtained for us." - Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church, Woolwich.

For more context, read Romans 11:33.

The Goal of Christ's Riches

The goal of the riches of Christ is to enable us to pursue God; God wants us to pursue Him intentionally.

God is vested in your redemption, in you being chosen, and involving you in His plan.

Therefore, our devotion with God should be intimate, and we should be intentional about pursuing God.

"The overriding goal of the riches of grace is to enable us to pursue God intentionally, personally, intimately and affectionately, so that we can be in union with God." – Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church, Woolwich.

Pursuit of God

Jesus says it all concerning our pursuit:

Mark 10:29-30 says:

"So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life."

Be encouraged that as you pursue God, despite the persecutions, you will enjoy the unsearchable riches of Christ and receive eternal rewards.

As you pursue God, you will receive a:

1. Fresh **HEART** of love for God and God's interests (compassion for all people who are scattered, molested, damaged, and harassed).

Read Psalm 18:1.

2. Fresh **REVELATION** concerning the desires of God.

Read 1 Samuel 3:1.

3. Fresh **ANOINTING** for the up-to-date task.

Psalm 92:10: "But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil."

Also read **2 Corinthians 5:5.**

Lastly...

Matthew 11:28-30 (Message Bible) says:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with

me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

This is the great offer! By receiving grace, you will enjoy the rest of God, and the unsearchable riches of Christ.