

The Riches of Grace - Part 2

Sunday 12th February 2023

Colossians 2:1-4 and Ephesians 1:3-10 are key scriptures for our Christian walk.

Introduction

Say to yourself: 'The riches of grace are abundantly available to me.'

Last week, we read **Ephesians 3:8** in order to appreciate the riches of Christ that are unsearchable.

The <u>unsearchable riches of Christ</u> are that which Christ is, has obtained, has attained and many more.

This series of notes will be focusing on applying the following in our Christian walk: **election**, **adoption**, **redemption**, **dispensation**, **and wisdom**.

6 Unsearchable Riches of Christ

- 1. Christ is the *first placed One* in all things (**Colossians 1:18**). Another word for first place is 'preeminence'.
- 2. Christ is the *Head and constituent of The Church* (**Colossians 1:18**). If we can allow Christ to truly be the head, the flow of power will be evident, and people will experience us as true light for Christ.
- 3. Christ is the *allotted portion of the saints* (**Colossians 1:12**). Christ has something laid up for us that is only available to us as saints, who have believed into Christ Jesus.
- 4. Christ is the *life of the saints* (Colossians 3:3-4).
- 5. Christ is the *constituent of the saints* (Colossians 3:10).
- 6. Christ is the *hope of the saints* (Colossians 1:27).

These are reasons to pursue God!

Christ has called us into something that is spiritual, heavenly, and eternal. These are the riches of Christ, which form the riches of grace that we enjoy. (John 1:16)

Demerited Favour

Every man is born an enemy of God because they are born with the sin nature. This means that by nature, if we were to earn the grace of God, none of us would have qualified.

However, when God chose you in eternity, He knew that you had the sin nature - that you were demerited - but He still chose you.

The issue of man was a demerit, but God's act of love towards us made us who were demerited to be chosen to be His children.

Lastly...

You must recognise and always remember that:

- 1. You are **elected**;
- 2. You are **redeemed**;
- 3. You have the **wisdom** of God;
- 4. You are adopted; and
- 5. You enjoy the **dispensation** of grace.

Grace teaches us to look forward, so don't be focused on the past. Grace has taken care of your past failures and sins. Now, look forward and receive the riches of grace! (For more context, read **Titus 2:11-14**.)