

Glorious Incarnation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Main Idea

Jesus gave up his riches that you might become rich.

Overview

I. He was rich

- a. Attributes of His wealth
 - i. Eternal son of God: He was, is, and always will be
 - ii. Enjoyed the praise of a Legion of angels every moment of the day
 - iii. Knew only unending and unsurpassing joy
 - iv. He wanted for nothing

II. He became poor

- a. We can imagine his poverty, but author wants us to see the depths of His poverty when compared to the riches He gave up
 - b. Attributes of His poverty
 - i. Left immeasurable mansions of glory and became homeless
 - ii. Left glories of heaven where He wanted for nothing & entered humanity
 - c. where He know weariness and thirst
- III. Left eternal praise & adorations entered into mockings, ridicule, & questioning
- IV. He left luxuries of glory & knew pain & suffering
- a. Man of Sorrows (Is. 53.3)
 - b. He Wept
 - c. Was forsaken
 - d. Beaten, battered, and bruised beyond recognition
 - e. Stripped
 - f. Hands & feet nailed to a cross
 - g. He did all of this willingly
 - h. This all would be terrible for anyone, but considering who He is, and what He left the chasm is amazing
 - i. Why did He do all of this?

V. That you might become rich

- a. What “rich” doesn’t mean
 - i. Does not mean Christ came to make you materially wealthy
 - ii. Christ did not suffer to get you a car
 - iii. Did not leave the praise of angels to get you a house with a view
 - iv. Christ taught that is better to “build your treasure up in heaven, not on
- b. earth where rust and moth destroy”

VI. Anyone that tells you Christ came to make you materially wealthy is

- a. advocating a lie from the Evil One
- b. What it does mean to be “rich”
 - i. Those who have life and are satisfied
 - ii. Christ came to make men and women Holy
 1. Due to Christ’s sacrifice He made it possible to be Holy
 2. Holiness satisfied our deepest need

VII. Relief from sin & Access to God

- a. Christ was born that He might die

- b. He set aside His riches in order to transfer them to you

Questions

1. Discuss some examples of how our culture has us to hoard material riches, not give them away for the good of others
2. Take some time to look in concordance and discuss the riches of Christ that He set aside.
3. Christ went to extreme lengths in His poverty...why?
4. If Christ set aside His riches and became poor to make us rich, how should we treat our friends, family, and enemies...regardless of whether they like us or not?
5. What does it mean to be "rich" in the eyes of God? How can we live this way? How can we show others what it means to be "rich?"