HIS RICHES - OUR RICHES

2 Cor. 8:9

Beloved of the Lord:

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich". Beloved believer, His riches are ours! What are they? Let Him tell us Himself---

- 1 THE RICHES OF "MY GRACE" "My grace is sufficient for thee" 2 Cor. 12:9. We are "saved by grace" Eph. 2:8, 9. He gives "grace to help in time of need" Heb. 4:16. "He giveth more grace" Jas. 4:6. Eternal ages will display us as "the exceeding riches of His grace" Eph. 2:7. What abounding grace! Rom. 5:20.
- 2 THE RICHES OF "MY STRENGTH" "My strength is made perfect in weakness" 2 Cor. 12:9. Our great weakness is, we do not know how weak we are! HE DOES! Paul said "When I am weak, then am I strong" 2 Cor. 12:10. Read Dan. 10:15-19; See when Daniel had "no strength" how the Lord strengthened him. See Phil. 4:13.
- 3 THE RICHES OF "MY PEACE" "My peace give I unto you" etc. John 14:27 The legacy of His peace for our troubled hearts and our fears. It was the inner peace He possessed as He faced the Cross. He gives it to us. See Phil. 4:6, 7; Isa. 26:3.
- 4 THE RICHES OF "MY WORDS" "If my words abide in you" etc. John 15:7. "Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy words were unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" Jer. 15:16. They are "more to be desired than gold, yea than fine gold" Psa. 19:10. May they "abide" in our hearts!
- 5 THE RICHES OF "MY LOVE" "Continue ye in My love" John 15:9. Love that is <u>inseparable</u> Rom. 8:35-39; <u>impelling</u> 2 Cor. 5:14; <u>infinite</u> "It passeth knowledge" Eph. 3:19. A causeless, ceaseless and boundless love. No love like His!
- 6 THE RICHES OF "MY JOY" "That My joy might remain in you and that your joy may be full" John 15:11. What was His joy but to say "I delight to do Thy will O God" Psa. 40:8 and Heb. 10:7. It led Him to leave heaven's riches for earth's poverty; the poverty of His birth, His life and His death, to do the Father's will. See Heb. 12:2, 3 There was joy set before Him as He "endured the Cross"; even joy for eternity! There can be such joy for us, doing the will of God! Rom. 12:1, 2.
- 7 THE RICHES OF "MY GLORY" His prayer is "that they may behold My glory" John 17:24. His riches lead us from "grace to glory", for "the Lord will give grace and glory" Psa. 84:11. Through His deep poverty He brings us to the riches of His glory! They are not temporal riches of earth, but riches eternal and universal.

The riches of earth are not mine - I hold not its silver or gold.

But a treasure far greater is mine,
I have riches of value untold!

O the depths of the riches of love - The riches of love in Christ Jesus!

Faithfully yours in Christ,