

**BEYOND AMAZING: Understanding the Grace of God**

**GOD'S RICHES ... AT CHRIST'S EXPENSE**

2 Corinthians 8:9

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*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9*

**What does God want us to understand about His grace?**

**1. Understand the riches of Christ.**

**A. He is the One who spoke the worlds into existence.**

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:6--9*

**B. He is the One who sits as King.**

*These things Isaiah said, because he saw His (Jesus') glory, and he spoke of Him. John 12:41*

**C. He is the One whose glory and greatness are unfathomable.**

*Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. Psalm 145:3*

*The LORD is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens.  
Psalm 113:4*

**2. Understand the poverty of humanity.**

**A. Every person is born in total depravity.**

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. Ephesians 2:1-3*



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B. Every person is in desperate need of God's mercy and grace.

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7*

3. Understand the price He paid.

A. Jesus humbled Himself to become a man.

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7*

B. Jesus humbled Himself to become our sacrifice for sin.

*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by  
becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Philippians 2:8*

C. Jesus will save anyone who comes in repentance and faith.

1. There will be the riches of His Spirit in this life.
2. There will be the riches of heaven for all eternity.

**How have you responded to His amazing grace?**