

HE WAS RICH YET HE BECAME POOR
2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

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⁹For 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.

Introduction:

Matthew wrote of Christ the King

Luke wrote of Christ the Son of Man

John wrote of the Deity of Christ

Paul summarized the birth of our Savior here in this verse.

1. WHAT THE SAVIOR LAID ASIDE WHEN HE BECAME POOR

A. He left His place in Heaven

1. Perfect place

2. Place of praise

3. A Place of Peace

Illustration:

Some today won't even leave a comfortable bed or chair to worship the Lord

B. He laid aside His position in Heaven.

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Illustration:

Some today are so occupied with position they won't serve the Savior.

2. WHY THE SAVIOR BECAME POOR – FOR YOUR SAKES

A. He left Heaven so that we can go to Heaven.

B. He was rejected so that we can be accepted.

C. He became a servant so we can become Sons

D. He died so that we might live.

3. WHAT THE SAVIOR GIVES TO POOR SINNERS TO MAKE THEM RICH

A. The Gift of Salvation

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

B. Eternal Life

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. The Holy Spirit

Romans 5:5

⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

D. The gift of righteousness

Romans 5:17-18

¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

E. The Gift of Peace

John 14:17

¹⁷ *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

F. The gift of Victory Over Death

1 Corinthians 15:57

⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.