

## Foundations of Christ - Part 8

### The Cross Of Christ

The cross of Christ is at the core of our faith. It is the place of divine exchange. Too few reply upon the finished work and instead seek out works and methods to obtain what Jesus GAVE freely. A gift can't be paid for, or worked for, or it is not a gift. One such exchange is in the area of money. **See 2-Cor. 8:9 NKJV, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty (we) might become rich."**

At the cross, Jesus became the poorest of men. There He had no dwelling place, no clothes, and no money. These three things are at the root of most of our concerns for money, a place to live, clothes to wear, and money to buy whatever we need.

We, too often, limit our blessings of the cross to the spiritual dimension and forget the physical realm. Our Heavenly Father has always been concerned for our physical well-being. If not, healing would not be in the atonement. To save us from our sins only and allow us to live as beggars would be contradictory to His heart. Of course, rich is relative. In 2-Cor. 9:8 riches or abundance is stated in terms that all can understand and apply. **"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."**

Look at the three-fold definition of richness in this verse:

1. God is able to grace you!
2. You will always have all sufficiency for yourselves (enough for the necessities of life and every circumstance to be content).
3. You will have abundance so that you can be a supply to other good works.

Let's go back to a basic truth that our Lord spoke when teaching on the Lord's prayer and further in Matt. 6. First, we ask our Father to meet our daily needs; Matt. 6:11, *please give us what we need every day, Father*. Second, Matt. 6:33, *seek first and only His Kingdom and His righteousness and don't worry*.

Your Father doesn't want you to worry, but to be free to just go about the business of the Kingdom of God and let the work of the cross take over.

It is all by grace and grace alone. What a wonderful and freeing way you can live.