

# The Unsearchable Riches of Christ

*What They Are, Where to Find Them, & Why We Need Them*

“... that [Paul] should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ”  
– Ephesians 3:8

## 1. What They Are (and Where to Find Them)

- a. A New Creature – *Gal 6:15, 2Cor 5:17, Eph 2:15, Col 3:10, Eph 4:24*
  - i. God operating thru & building up the body of Christ – Eph 3:10, 4:16, Col 1:24
  - ii. Christ is the head – Col 1:18, Eph 1:22-23 & 5:23
  - iii. We are the members – Eph 5:24, 1Cor 12:27
- b. A New (Common) Union – *1Cor 10:16-17, Eph 4:3-6, Gal 3:27*
  - i. Believers are united by Christ’s cross-work – 1Cor 8:6, Col 1:20, Rom 5:10-11
  - ii. His death becomes our death – Rom 6:3-6, Phi 3:10, Col 1:22, Gal 2:20 & 5:24
  - iii. His blood shed forgives our sins – Rom 3:25 & 5:9, Eph 1:7 & 2:13, Col 1:14-20
  - iv. His resurrection gives us the same power – Rom 6:5, 1Cor 15:20-22, Titus 3:7
- c. A New Calling – *Phi 3:14, Eph 4:1 & 4:4, Rom 8:28*
  - i. All in one – Col 3:15, 1Cor 12:12-13
  - ii. Without distinction – Rom 3:22, Gal 3:28, Col 3:11, 1Cor 10:32
  - iii. Unto liberty – Gal 5:13, Rom 6:15, 1Cor 6:12 & 10:23
  - iv. To be saints – Rom 1:7, 1Cor 1:2, 1Thes 2:12 & 4:7, 2Thes 1:11
- d. A New Gospel – *2Thes 2:14, 2Tim 1:9-10, Eph 1:13, Rom 15:20, 1Cor 9:16-17, Gal 2:7*
  - i. Glory of the cross of Christ – Gal 6:14, 1Cor 1:22 & 2:2
  - ii. By grace thru faith, not our works – Eph 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-7, Rom 3:20-21 & 5:8
  - iii. But by Christ’s finished work – 1Cor 1:18 & 1:30, Col 2:14, Eph 2:16
- e. A New Mission – *Col 1:5-6, Eph 5:17, 1Cor 1:21*
  - i. Learning truth – Col 1:9, 2Tim 2:15, 1Tim 4:3, Phi 4:9
  - ii. Growing in truth – Eph 2:21 & 4:15, 1Tim 3:15
  - iii. Seeing others saved to do the same – Eph 6:19, 1Tim 2:4, Titus 1:3
- f. A New Destiny – *1Cor 15:49, Eph 1:3 & 3:10, Col 1:5*
  - i. Our eternal heavenly position – Eph 2:6, 2Cor 5:1, Phi 3:20, 1Thes 4:17
  - ii. Ambassadors here until then – 2Cor 5:20, Phi 1:21-24, 2Cor 5:6-10, 1Cor 4:1-2

## 2. Why We Need Them

- a. It is God’s will we know them – Col 1:27, Eph 1:17-18
- b. The salvation of our souls and others’ depend upon them – Eph 1:7-9
- c. We are strengthened, comforted, & knit together by them – Eph 3:16, Col 2:2, 1Thes 3:2
- d. God supplies all our needs through them – Phi 4:19
- e. We can access them now to live each day though they be spiritual – 2Cor 4:10-11, 5:7
- f. Our hope is God will show them to us in heaven – Eph 2:7, Rom 8:18, 2Thes 2:14