

Christmas 2013

Intro

* Christmas Eve we will look at this verse we went through back on Sept 15th...

2 Corinthians 8:9 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 might become rich.

* We will read the Christmas Story and beginning w/Jesus' birth/see how for our sakes He...

* Today look at same truth – why though He was rich, Jesus/born/manger; family/low estate

* That He became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich.

* Spoke to another church about this...to the church of the Laodiceans...

Revelation 3:14-20

V15-16 – He knows their works, neither cold/hot, lukewarm...Why?

V17 – Because... you say, "I am rich..."

V18 – Jesus' counsel to this church, made up of people, just like this church is made up...

* To buy from Him gold refined in fire, that you may be rich...

Proverbs 13:7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

* How are we to do this???

Isaiah 55

V1a - Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters – John 4:11-14 - I will give him living water

V1b/c – You who have no money, Come/buy/eat! Yes, come...buy wine/milk w/out money

* Asher's/Christmas store – Tie/Dad, SeaShell Necklace, Books, Princess Backpack, Snake

* Buy without money – we have no currency acceptable in heaven

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Galatians 2:16 ...by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified

V2 – Why do you spend/not bread? Not satisfy? John 6:30-35 – I am the bread of life (give)

V3 – A Promise/Covenant Offered

V4-5 – Offered to All!

V6 – **Matthew 7:7-8** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

V7a – Wicked/forsake ways, Unrighteous/thoughts, let him return to the LORD

* "The price for admission to eternal life is repentance and faith, plus nothing." (Wycliffe)

V7b - He will have mercy on him – Mercy like Grace hard to understand/accept – It's free

* And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon – Can't pay for a pardon – It's free

Closing - **2 Corin 8:9** 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 might become rich.