

2 Corinthians 8:9 γινώσκετε γὰρ τὴν χάριν τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὅτι δι' ὑμᾶς ἐπτώχευσεν πλούσιος ὢν, ἵνα ὑμεῖς τῇ ἐκείνου πτωχείᾳ πλουτήσητε.

<sup>ESV</sup> 2 Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

- 1) First - we have what we know
  - a. The believer's assurance rests in their knowledge of Christ
  - b. This nature of Christ is the comprehension of his grace
    - i. Grace - God's being in action
    - ii. God is LOVE: (I John 4:8; I John 4:9 *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him; 4:16*)
    - iii. Grace is the word for love's acts - love extended
  - c. The reconciliation is an act originating in LOVE
- 2) The Gospel
  - a. Galatians 4:4-5 *When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*
  - b. The Ascent of the Christ
  - c. The Descent of the Christ
  - d. The mission of the Christ
- 3) Philippians 2 - *Make yours that mind which you have in Christ Jesus: who, though existing in divine nature, was not govern by holding to his equity with God. Rather, he poured himself into the nature of a slave; being born in the likeness of humans. Then, appearing in every aspect as man, he humbled himself in his obedience to the extent of death - even death on a cross. At this God exalted him to the highest, making his that name above all names; so that at the name of "Jesus" every knee will bow in heaven, on earth and beneath - and every tongue acclaim: "Jesus the Messiah is Lord!", to the glory of God the Father.*
  - a. This is the Mission of the Gospel
  - b. This is the message of the Gospel
  - c. This is the sacrament of the living God
  - d. All else exists for this simple profound reality
- 4) The mind, the life, the ethics, and the worship are all found here.



Christ taught us that "The Knowledge of God" was the key to ageless life: *This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent.* (John 17:3)

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