

The Ultimate Example of Giving

2nd Corinthians 8:8-9

(series #24)

Intro: the dual protection of expository preaching

I. The Clarification of Paul v. 8

- A. He was not commanding them to give
- B. He was appealing to their hearts

II. The Example of Jesus v. 9

- A. His incarnation was grace
- B. He was infinitely rich in heaven
- C. He became poor by coming to earth
 - 1. He suffered by being around sinners
- 2nd Peter 2:7-8
 - 2. He came to earth as a man - Phil. 2:5-8
 - a. He existed as God
 - b. He made Himself of no reputation
 - (1) by taking the form of a servant
 - (2) He came in the likeness of man
 - c. He lived as a man (Col. 2:9)
- D. That we might become rich
 - forgiveness of sins, righteousness of Christ,
 - the promise of heaven, the joy of salvation,
 - joint heirs with Christ

Conclusion: Do you possess eternal riches?