

## Message 1

# THE VISION OF THE RICHES OF CHRIST

## I. THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST AS THE GOSPEL

**Colossians 1:12** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

**Ephesians 1:17-18**

**17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

**18** The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are **the riches** of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

**Ephesians 3:8** To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches** of Christ as the gospel

## II. THE RICHES OF CHRIST IN THE PROCESSES OF THE TRIUNE GOD

### A. God

**Revelation 22:1** And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

**Psalms 46:4** [There is] a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy [place] of the tabernacles of the most High.

**Psalms 36:8,9**

**8** They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

**9** For with thee [is] the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

**John 19:34** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

**John 4:10, 14**

**10** Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.

**14** But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up into eternal life.

### B. The Word

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:18** No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

### C. Life

**John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Colossians 3:4** When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

**Romans 5:10** For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

### D. Light

**John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

### E. The flesh

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**Romans 8:3** For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

**2 Corinthians 5:21** Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all respects like us, yet without sin.

F. **The tabernacle** - John 1:14

G. **The Lamb** - John 1:29

H. **The Spirit** - John 1:32

I. **The house** - John 1:42

J. **The heavenly ladder** - John 1:51

K. **The temple** - John 2:19-21

L. **The serpent** - John 3:14

M. **The eternal life** - John 3:16

N. **The bride** - John 3:29a

O. **The Spring** - John 4:14

### III. THE RICHES OF CHRIST FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS BELIEVERS

#### A. The Feast of the Passover

**John 6:4** Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

**Exodus 12:5-8**

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take [it] out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; [and] with bitter [herbs] they shall eat it.

**John 6:54, 58**

54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.

58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread shall live forever.

#### B. The Feast of Tabernacles

**Deuteronomy 16:13** You shall hold the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after your ingathering from your threshing floor and your winepress.

**John 7:37** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

**John 7:38** He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

**Revelation. 21:2-3**

2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

### IV. THE RICHES OF CHRIST IN HIS SHEPHERDING CARE

#### A. The Shepherd, the door, the pasture, and the flock

**John 10:11, 14, 9, 16**

11 I am **the good Shepherd**; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,

9 I am **the door**; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find **pasture**.

16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be **one flock**, one Shepherd.

#### B. The resurrection and the life

**John 11:25** Jesus said to her, I am **the resurrection and the life**; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live.

#### C. The grain of wheat

**John 12:24** Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless **the grain of wheat** falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

#### D. The way, the reality, and the life

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, I am **the way and the reality and the life**; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

#### E. The Comforter

**John 14:16-17**

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Comforter**, that He may be with you forever,

17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

#### F. The all-inclusive consummated Spirit

**John 20:22** And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy **Spirit**.