

“Giving Like Jesus”

2 Cor. 8:9

Introduction

- I. There is no greater example of giving than that of Christ.
- II. When one considers how much Jesus gave, that should motivate him to give greatly.

Discussion

- I. Jesus has the greatest of riches.
 - A. Jesus is a part of the Godhead (Phil. 2:5-6; John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17).
 - B. The universe belongs to God (Psm. 50:10-15; 1 Cor. 10:26).
- II. For a period of time, Jesus relinquished His riches to save mankind.
 - A. Jesus gave His position (Phil. 2:7-8; cf. Matt. 20:26-28; John 13:3-5).
 - B. Jesus became like His creation (John 1:14; Rom. 8:3; Heb. 2:14).
 - C. For a period of time, Jesus would have been considered homeless (Luke 9:58).
- III. Jesus gave so that we might be “rich”.
 - A. Mankind was so “poor” that we were “without hope” (Eph. 2:1, 12).
 - B. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, we can be spiritually wealthy (1 John 3:1; Rom. 8:16-17; cf. 2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 1:7; Matt. 6:19-21; Prov. 10:22).
- IV. We should be willing to give abundantly and willingly (2 Cor. 9:7; 8:5, 13; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Conclusion

- I. We cannot “outgive” the Lord.
- II. We can sacrifice so that others may enjoy the blessings that we share.