

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT
EXCHANGE
II Corinthians 8:9

We need to marvel at the awesome grace of God demonstrated in Christ's gift exchange

**I. NOTE CHRIST'S ROYALTY - *Though He was rich*
- See Hebrews 1**

A. HIS POSSESSIONS (2)

1. The heir of all things
2. The creator of all things - Note John 1:3 and Col. 1:16

B. HIS POWER (3, 10)

1. Upholding all things by the word of His power. (3)
2. Laying the foundation of the earth (10a)
3. The heavens as the work of His hands (10b)

C. HIS POSITION (3, 8, 13)

1. Sitting at the right hand of the Majesty on high (3, 13)
2. Occupying an eternal throne while holding a scepter of righteousness (8)

D. HIS PROMINENCE (4, 6)

1. Better than the angels (4)
2. Worshipped by the angels (6)

**II. CONSIDER CHRIST'S POVERTY - *yet for your sake He became poor*
- Examine Matthew's gospel**

A. HIS DECISION - From II Corinthians 8:9

1. He became poor ... Leaving it all behind! - See Phil. 2:6-7
2. For your sake > On your behalf ... Instead of you

B. HIS DEPENDENCE

1. A borrowed bed - Matt. 8:20
2. A borrowed donkey - Matt. 21:1-7
3. A borrowed room - Matt. 26:17-19
4. A borrowed tomb - Matt. 27:57-60

C. HIS DERISION

1. Despised by leaders - Matt. 26:1-5
2. Betrayed by Judas - Matt. 26:14-16, 47-48
3. Abused by soldiers - Matt. 27:27-31
4. Mocked by crowds - Matt. 27:39-44
5. Forsaken by God - Matt. 27:46 [citing Psalm 22:1]

D. HIS DIGNITY - Matt. 27:35

1. The soldiers took the only thing Christ owned - See John 19:23-34 also
2. Without His clothes, they also took His dignity!

III. UNDERSTAND CHRIST'S CHARITY - *so that you through His poverty might become rich*

- Review the Epistle of Romans

A. PROVIDING HARMONY - Romans 5:1

1. Because of our faith we have peace with God
2. Peace includes the concept of tranquility and harmony ... nothing out of order
3. We are no longer the object of God's wrath! - See Eph. 2:13-18

B. MAKING US HEIRS - Romans 8:15-17

1. As recipients of a spirit of adoption (15)
2. Provided too with a spirit of assurance (16)
3. Heirs of God with Christ - see also Gal. 4:4-7

C. GIVING US HELP - Romans 8:26-27

1. Assisting us in weakness (26a)
2. Pleading for us (26b)
3. Engaging the Godhead (27)

D. PROTECTING US FROM HARM - Romans 8:33-39

1. We are unchargeable for anything (33)
2. We are uncondemnable by anyone (34)
3. We are inseparable from Christ's love (35-39)

E. INSPIRING OUR HYMNS - Romans 11:33-36 and 16:27

- God's mystery (11:33), superiority (11:34-35) and glory (11:36 with 16:27)

F. ENCOURAGING OUR HOPE - Romans 15:13

- A fullness, a faith and a future

CONCLUSION: Let us remember and reflect upon our Christ who gave everything and got nothing, so that we who have nothing get everything!