

Scripture Lesson: - Ephesians 1-14.

Text: - Ephesians 3: 8. Unto me, who am less than the least of saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

No one can fully fathom the breadth, the length, the depth and the height of Christ's love. It beyond the conception of man, for a man to die for his enemies. Jesus did not die for the righteous, but for sinners. He died, not for those who loved him, but for those who hated him. The capstone of the unsearchable riches of Christ is his love. The love of Christ is described by the apostle Paul as that love which "passeth knowledge". Truly it was.

While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. The love which is within the sphere of human knowledge has to do with loving the lovable; loving friends and loved ones; loving the beautiful. But Jesus loved the unlovable. He loved enemies instead of friends, the wicked instead of the good, the ugly in character instead of the beautiful.

I.

Who travels yonder over the thoroughfares of the world? Who are the people in that restless and ever-moving, surging throng that moves down the thoroughfares of time? They are sinners; all are sinners. There is not one righteous person, in his own right, in that entire interminable crowd that makes a beaten highway over the thoroughfares of time, and marches on to an endless eternity. Who are they, you ask. They are lost men and women; sinners without God and without hope in the world. You

ask, What kind of sinners? The pages of history tell the story, written in letters of blood, baptized with hatred, selfishness, sensuality, and debauchery of the lowest kind. These sinners are such great sinners that they become startled and shocked at times at their own sin. A sinful world today is amazed at the savagery and the brutality manifested in modern warfare with its disease, its unmitigated shame. Suffering and death have gripped our modern cities until the wicked have been amazed at the terrible harvest. Sin throws back its black pall of gloom and death over the nation, over whole civilizations, and over individuals everywhere.

## II.

But Christ is sufficient. There is nothing lacking in Jesus. We can not add to Jesus. We cannot improve upon Jesus. The people who talk about taking the best out of all religions are talking foolishness. There is but one best, and that is Jesus Christ. Hence all fulness dwelt in Jesus. He can never be improved upon. There will never come another who approaches him. Some of the world's greatest skeptics have been forced to admit the fact, although they would not admit Jesus to be the Son of God. All fulness of the Godhead dwells in him, and we cannot add to him or take from him.

How do we come to know the fulness of God? We come to know the fulness of God through a life fully yielded to Jesus Christ, in whom all fulness dwells. A fully yielded life brings Jesus Christ into full possession of that life.

The riches of the wisdom and the knowledge of Christ is described in the second chapter of Colossians and the third verse which says, "In

whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." All of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are to be found in Jesus Christ. There are no uncertainties in the knowledge of Christ. He knoweth all things. His mind is infinite, it holds all knowledge.

### III.

Christ is able. He is able to meet every need, solve every problem, soothe every aching heart, and comfort every troubled soul, save every lost sinner and guide every believing soul along the pathway of life; then when the journey comes to the crossing of the river, he is able to sustain and guide safely across the river to the home on the eternal shore.

The glory which Jesus had he imparts unto all others who trust in him in the reward which he gives. The impartation of his glory makes it possible for us to be "strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man." The strength which comes from the impartation of his glory in our inner lives is further described in Col: 1: 11, which says, "Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness"

The disciples of Christ become partakers of his glory. We have the promise that those who follow Christ become "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ". Could any statement be more sublime and majestic than this statement, that as a child of God I became his heir and a joint heir with his Son Jesus Christ: Christ shares with us his unspeakable riches and his unspeakable glory. As partakers of his glory we are changed and transformed from glory to glory, according to a statement of the apostle in verse 18 of the third

chapter of second Corinthians, "But we shall have changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of God".

Conclusion:- We do not stand still in the Christian life. The way of Christ is one of constant advance. This advance may be brought about through trials, temptations and sifting to bring our souls to higher heights. The movement of the Christian is upward, to greater heights and wider horizons. The Christian is transformed from glory to glory in the deeper and richer experience of the Christian life in this world. One day we shall pass from the life that now is, in Christ, to a glory immortal, eternal, everlasting, in the presence of Christ. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him". This life of unfolding shall never end, and "when we have been there ten thousand years we'll have no less days to sing his praise than when we first begun."