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WE ARE RICH

Sometimes as we read the bible, we read quickly over a verse without stopping to meditate on its meaning. We just continue reading.

One such verse having a deeper meaning is 2 Corinthians 8:9 which says (NKJV) ***“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor [so] that you through his poverty might become rich.”***

Yes, before his incarnation, Jesus (Yeshuah) was rich. How so? He had created everything by his spoken word. He, along with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, owned everything ever made. His kingly throne was in heaven.

He became poor when he was born as a man in the flesh. He had given up everything he had possessed in heaven. During his ministry years, he had no earthly home, nowhere to lay his head at night unless invited as a guest. His lifestyle was nomadic, transitory, moving from one place to another. His disciples also left their homes to wander from village to village with him.

Then, he died “penniless” on a cross so that you and I could be rich. No, not the riches in worldly goods or money. We will be rich in eternity as all of heaven will be ours. Jesus’ return to heaven’s throne gives us access to all his riches in glory. Then, we will truly be rich because of his earthly poverty, just as 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, we shall be.

What a rich and glorious plan Father made for us. What love from Jesus’ obedience to the plan for our eternally rich life. We are rich; our faith guarantees it.