



A PROMISING PARADOX

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong.

1 Corinthians 1:27





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Poor yet Rich

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes...**

Romans 1:16



**For the word of the cross is
foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are
being saved it is the power of God**

1 Corinthians 1:18



**As sorrowful yet always
rejoicing, as poor yet making
many rich, as having nothing yet
possessing all things.**

2 Corinthians 6:10



**For you know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though He was rich,
yet for your sake He became poor, so
that you through His poverty might
become rich.**

2 Corinthians 8:9



“This verse is a Christological gem of incalculable value, a many-faceted diamond that far outshines all other jewels around it.”

John MacArthur



Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

2 Corinthians 8:1-2



**Jesus did not become poor so we
could acquire earthly riches.
He became poor so we could be
rich in Him.**



Their circumstances may reflect poverty by the standards of the world, but their lives bear witness to the surpassing riches of God's grace in Christ.



**For you know the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ...”**

2 Corinthians 8:9a



Paul is inviting them to look to Jesus and recognize that His riches were never measured by earthly possessions, but by the infinite glory of His person as the eternal Son of God.



“The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

Matthew 8:20



**“...though He was rich, yet for your
sake He became poor.**

2 Corinthians 8:9b



His poverty was not ultimately in the absence of material goods; it was in the voluntary laying aside of the privileges and rights that belonged to Him as the eternal Son of God.



**Being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death, even
death on a cross. For this reason
also, God highly exalted Him, and
bestowed on Him the name which is
above every name.**

Philippians 2:8-9



**Jesus had to assume our destitution
in order to gift us with the infinite
glory of His grace.**



**Because Jesus became poor for
our sake, we share in the riches
of His salvation.**



This is why one can be poor yet rich, because when you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, you know you are in possession of an eternal treasure.





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