# **HEADER TO CHURCH TODAY**

## GRACE SO AMAZING IN THE RESURRECTION <u>2 Cor. 8:9</u>

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The pinnacle of *grace so amazing* is the culmination of the Gospel message:

- the virgin birth of Christ;
- His sinless life;
- His death upon the cross;
- His burial for three days and three nights;
- ✤His RESURRECTION.

Today, we celebrate the blessedness of His resurrection. As we consider our text, we observe the resurrection from two distinct perspectives: (1) the heavenly perspective, and (2) the earthly perspective. We begin by looking at *Grace So Amazing*.

I. <u>THE EPITOME OF GRACE</u> – "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

## A. Great Grace Can be Known – "For ye know the grace..." (γινώσκω)

Believers are NOT kept in the dark about God's grace SO amazing! We KNOW by experience!

#### B. Great Grace That IS Shown – "...of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

- The believer's source of such amazing grace is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ☆ God's SO great amazing grace is demonstrated in action by the best example for the believer → "…our Lord Jesus Christ…"
- Believers are able to follow the example of the Savior, the ultimate symbol of grace.

II. <u>THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GRANDEUR</u> --"...that, though he was rich..."

A. The Consideration – "...that, though..."

Consider from the heavenly perspective, notwithstanding that; in spite of the fact that; although:

The position of the Lord Jesus, before Bethlehem should be taken into consideration by believers. B. The Class – "...he was rich..."

Believers, looking at the earthly perspective of Christ, may neglect to consider what grandeur the Lord Jesus had before His incarnation.

Jn. 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

In the future, all of creation shall the see the Lord Jesus in His glory:

<u>Mt. 24:30</u> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <u>Rev. 5:12</u> Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Presently, believers have access to God's resources in "...glory by Christ Jesus."

<u>Phil. 4:19</u> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### III. <u>THE EXCEPTIONAL GIVING</u> –

"...yet for your sakes he became poor ... "

A. The Unselfish Substitution – "...yet for your sakes..."

The vicarious, substitutionary atonement is pictured in the cross, when the Lord Jesus took the place of sinners' penalty for sins. The Hebrew word translated *atone* is linked to the idea of ransom. To atone is to ransom or redeem by offering a substitute.

<u>Rom. 5:6</u> For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. ... <u>8</u> But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**. <u>1 Cor. 15:3</u> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

<u>2 Cor. 5:14</u> For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if **one died for all**, then were all dead:

<u>15</u> And *that* **he died for all**, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

<u>1 Thess. 5:10</u> Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

<u>1 Pet. 3:18</u> For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and **to give his life a** ransom for many.

<u>1 Cor. 6:19</u> What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own**? <u>20</u> For **ye are bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

An acrostic for the word grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense. B. The Ultimate Sacrifice – "...he became poor..."

Believers should not only consider His splendor in heaven before the Incarnation, but also consider that He became a beggar for us. **Original Word:** πτωχεύω **Transliteration:** ptócheuó **Definition:** to be a beggar, be destitute **Usage:** I am in poverty, am a beggar.

ptōxeúō – to become utterly poor (destitute); hence, to become extremely vulnerable ("helpless"). ptōxeúō ("become destitute") is only used in 2 Cor 8:9 of the physical humiliations Christ voluntarily experienced in His mission here on earth.

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Jesus was born in a borrowed stable and laid in a borrowed manger.

His poor parents offered a poor offering of two doves.

<u>Luke 2:22</u> And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

<u>24</u> And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. Lev. 12:6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

<u>7</u> Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a male or a female.

<u>8</u> And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean. Jesus borrowed fish from a lad to feed the masses.

<u>Jn. 6:9</u> There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

Jesus had to asked for a penny:

<u>Mark 12:15</u> Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see *it*. (<u>Mt. 22:19 Luke 20:24</u>) Jesus did not have a place to pillow His head:

<u>Mt. 8:20</u> And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head. Jesus borrowed Peter's ship:

Luke 5:3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Jesus borrowed the upper room:

<u>Mark 14:13</u> And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. <u>14</u> And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

<u>15</u> And he will shew you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared: there make ready for us. Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb:

<u>Mt. 27:57</u> When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

- 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.
- 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
- <u>60</u> And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

IV. <u>THE EXCHANGE GRANTED</u> -- "...that ye through his poverty might be rich."

A. The Eternal Exchange – "...that ye through his poverty..."

Believers need to remember the benefits received through the generosity of Christ. <u>Psa. 103:1</u> Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
<u>2</u> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

B. The Everlasting Excellence – "...might be rich."

Eternal life is available only through the Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Jn. 14:6</u> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

<u>1 Tim. 2:5</u> For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Believers are rich in promises that will exist throughout eternity!

#### <u>Summary</u>

The gift of eternal life is TOTALLY dependent upon the person and work of Jesus Christ.

<u>Rom. 6:23</u> For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The blessings for believers is the result of the grace so amazing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Conclusion

<u>Rom. 6:5</u> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

<u>6</u> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that
<u>henceforth we should not serve sin</u>.
<u>7</u> For he that is dead is freed from sin.

<u>8</u> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

<u>9</u> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. <u>10</u> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

<u>11</u> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

