

Preaching Dates

Sunday 27 September 2020

Frances Bloomfield (am) at Uddingston Baptist Church
Jonathan Groves (am) at Pound Lane Free Church, Isleham, Cambridgeshire, with Kerusso Trust presentation.
Stephen Ilett (am) at Dingwall Baptist Church
Jim McNulty (am) at Islay Baptist Church
Willem Smit (am) via pre-recording at Lossiemouth Baptist Church

Glen Cartwright (pm) at Fudge Youth Group (via ZOOM) at Newton Mearns Baptist Church

Monday 28 – Friday 2 October 2020

Glen Cartwright *Teaching Truth* (via YouTube) from Monday to Friday.

Thursday 1 October 2020

Charles Sommerville (pm) via Zoom at weekly Bible Study:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87811259650>
Tony Walters (am) at Lochside Christian Fellowship (via Zoom)



“The Riches Of God”

By Willie Henry

As we study the Scriptures over a long period of time there is a danger that familiarity, while not breeding contempt, can cause us to lose sight of the wonder of the Lord’s revelation of Himself to us and the glory of what He has done for us in redeeming us and seating us with Him in the heavenly realms. It struck me recently that Paul never fell into that trap. As I was reading Ephesians I was struck with Paul’s excitement about the message he was proclaiming. He speaks not just of God’s grace, but of the *riches* of God’s grace that He lavished on us (Ephesians 1:7); not just of His inheritance in the saints, but of the *riches* of His glorious inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18); not just the message of Christ but the message of the unsearchable *riches* in Christ (Ephesians 3:8).

In Romans, too, we read of the *riches* of His kindness, tolerance and patience (Romans 2:4) and the depth of the *riches* of the wisdom and knowledge of God (Romans 11:33). There are other places too where Paul refers to *riches* in Christ. Grab a concordance and have a look. It’s a fascinating study to see the different aspects that are covered.

But for us as ministers of the Word, in a time when there is uncertainty, fear and loss to an extent that I have not experienced in my lifetime, we have a glorious message to share. It is important in such a time that people are reached with the Gospel and also that believers are built up in their appreciation of the magnificence of their Lord and the wonder of His purposes. Paul’s struggle for the Colossian and Laodicean believers was that they should be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full *riches* of complete understanding, in order that they can know the mystery of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:4).

As believers who are called to preach, that should be our concern too – to raise Him up so that those who hear us will gain a deeper knowledge of Him and a more profound understanding of the security that we have in the Lord’s purposes.