

From Rags to Riches

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SERMON OUTLINE FOR OCTOBER 26, 2014

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INTRODUCTION: *A common expression – “He went from rags to riches...”*

- I. OUR LORD JESUS DID THE OPPOSITE:
HE WENT FROM RICHES TO RAGS (2 Corinthians 8:9)
 - A. Why would Jesus do such a thing?
 - B. *The news story of the toll bridge in Michigan (“He paid your toll”)*
 - C. Jesus paid our eternal toll (2 Corinthians 8:9; Colossians 1:13-14;20)
 - D. Jesus went from “riches to rags” that we might become God’s treasured possession (Malachi 3:17)
- II. THE RAGS OF OUR SIN & DEATH HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED FOR JESUS’ RESURRECTION VICTORY
 - A. We have gone from rags to riches!
 - B. Our eternal riches have a lot to do with the use of our earthly riches
 - C. A BIG DISCOVERY: *“From resurrection to collection”* (1 Cor. 15:55–16:2)
 - D. If we Christians do not support the Lord’s work who will?
(Will Buddhists? Hindus? Muslims? Mormons?)
 - E. Today is Reformation Sunday (Did you know that the Reformation **began** because of a “money issue”??!)
 1. The issue was the *indulgence* (paying for forgiveness of sin!)
 2. Luther’s holy anger over indulgences spread the saving Gospel and reformed the Church
 - F. There is a proper connection between the resurrection & the collection
 - G. Jesus.... Heaven’s Prince became a pauper for us...
He went from riches to rags (2 Corinthians 8:9)

CONCLUSION: Mark Twain’s book – *“The Prince & the Pauper”*