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UNSEARCHABLE RICHES

There's a legendary treasure trove on an island off the south shore of Nova Scotia. Centuries of treasure questers probing possibilities of new discoveries even spawned a reality television series. Theories and speculations of massive pirate stashes, rare artifacts, original manuscripts of Shakespeare, and the Ark of the Covenant have driven fortune seekers to pursue endless expeditions. Some coins and jewels and ship remnants have been uncovered, but explorers keep searching. Why do they persevere? Why do they keep digging for unfound treasure? Because they are determined there is more to be known and more to be found. But not everyone has equal rights to this buried treasure since the island is privately owned. Not everyone has access to the untapped riches.

But everyone has access to far greater riches. The Apostle Paul calls them "unsearchable" in Ephesians 3:8 (cf. Romans 11:33). Our first impression might be that unsearchable treasure is not able to be searched for or impossible to find. But in these verses, a clearer meaning of something unsearchable is that it is impossible to discover the end of it. The unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ are never-ending for all who will receive them. In Christ, the storehouse of God's grace is limitless, the repository of His mercy is infinite. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us" (Ephesians 1:7-8a NASB). Christ has given public access. These riches are for all who come to Jesus in faith. "But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ For by grace you have been saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:4-9).

God's unsearchable riches are for YOU! There is more to be known in Christ, and there are more treasures to be found in His Word. When you dig, you will not find the end of the treasure. So whether you are young or old, short or tall, large or small, keep digging. Keep studying. Keep learning. Keep memorizing Scripture. Keep writing God's Word on your mind and heart. Keep growing in your faith. Then you can say with the psalmist, "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure" (Psalm 119:162 NKJV).

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