

EMBRACING THE WAY OF JESUS

Within this section of scripture, the apostle Paul is appealing to followers of Jesus who have material wealth to consider those who have little. “He became poor” is a reference to Jesus. Paul is invoking a Jesus-like surrender of material well being, and, make no mistake about it, he is not just looking for justice. This is about saving souls. He is calling for believers to embrace the way, truth, and life of Jesus. This is about feeding the hungry and saving the well fed.

Jesus in fact only appeared poor to a world whose values were so different from his own, values that he sought to transform through his life. Jesus embraced a wealth that neither moth, rust, nor the Dow Jones stock index could affect.

As the economy on which so much of our hope has relied continues its decline, the foundation of our trust is being tested; “I am testing the genuineness of your love” (2 Cor. 8:8). As the illusions of security crumble around us, so too will the hungry and homeless. Until we begin to understand more clearly the connection between the transformation of our souls and our care for others, our lives will remain incomplete. We are in this together more completely than we can imagine.

Jesus became poor, and introduced and entered into the new reign of God. In his love he invites us to join him.

PRAYER

Loving God, open our hearts to the hungry, the homeless, and all those experiencing poverty, injustice, oppression, division, violence, and war. We are beginning to understand that we cannot be free to be fully alive until all are free to be so. Amen.

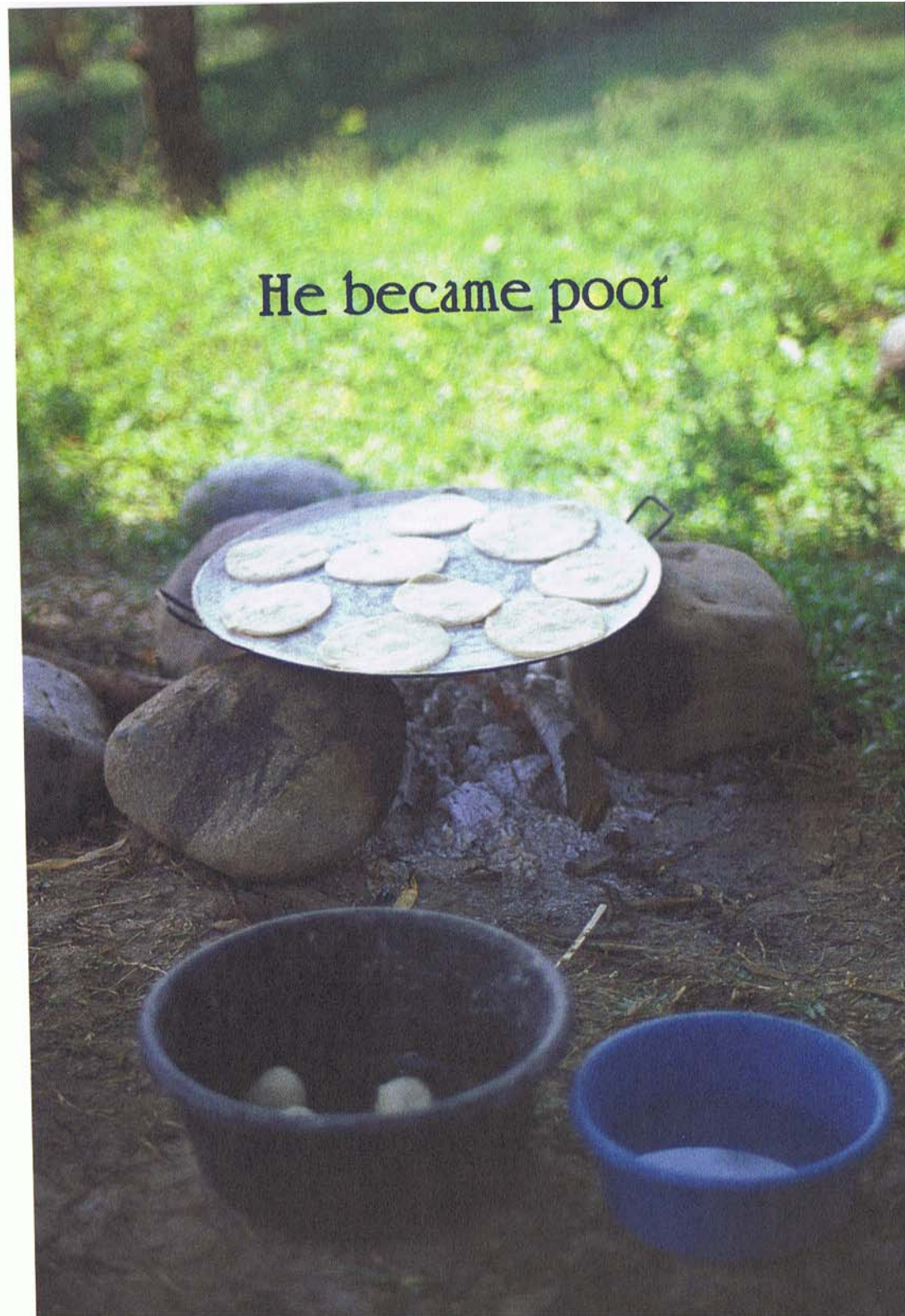
—Paul Grout, oblate
A Place Apart
Putney, Vermont

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Text for Today

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (9)

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes **he became poor**, so that by his poverty you might become rich.



He became poor



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 June 28, 2009
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The red hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

* GATHERING HYMN *Where He Leads I Will Follow* (see insert)

*INVOCATION (see prayer on back of bulletin)

PRAISE HYMN *I Would Be Like Jesus* (see insert)

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"Ruth, Naomi and Boaz"

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN *They Will Know We Are Christians* (see insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Libertyville, IA Church

Praying For Us: Waterloo, IA Hammond Avenue Church

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26-29

MESSAGE "Do It God's Way"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #468 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus* (red hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, June 28:

Message	Don Adkins
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Teri Kelderman
Ushers	Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Not held June-August
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, July 5:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Rev. David Loveall
Music	Jill Dykstra
Ushers	Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Not held June-August
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Patsy Wray family
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Harriet Rolston (care center)
UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie	Pete Aberson (hip)
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Yvonne Rohlfen (cancer)
Those Serving in the Military	Linda Beal (cancer)
Mary Fike (cancer)	Ann Evans (cancer)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
www.unitedchristiansinternational.org

2009 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator

Linda Adams

Deacons

Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Clerk

Jo Rolston

Treasurer

Sandi Cox

Adult Sunday School Teachers

Linda Adams
Donna Brinkman
Alan Cox
Marcene Cox
Scott Maggert
Sally Young

Children's Message

Marcene Cox

Children's Sunday School

Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

Church Facility Trustee

Scott Maggert

Church Sign

Alan Cox

Custodial Care

Members take monthly turns

Farm Trustee

Ross Cox

Fellowship Time

Clarence & Rhelma Evans

Lawn Care

Jared Cox
Jed Cox
Ross Cox

Messenger Agent

Donna Brinkman

Ministerial Committee

Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am

Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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Sally Young

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Ann Maggert

Pianists

Donna Brinkman
Marcene Cox
Jill Dykstra
Teri Kelderman
Lynn Rolfsmeier

Special Music

Marcene Cox

Sunday School Superintendent

Jo Rolston

Ushers

Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

Birthdays for June

Anniversaries

02 - Don & Joyce Adkins - 59th Anniv.

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Don Adkins this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to receive the Light; Depart to let it shine!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jared and Sara (DeBates) Cox who were married on June 27. Jared is the son of Ross and Sandi Cox.

Harriet Rolston moves

Harriet Rolston moved to a care center in Sanborn on Tuesday, June 23. Her address is: Prairie View, 610 N Eastern St, Sanborn, IA 51248. She would welcome visitors and mail!

Prayers

Patsy (Schechter) Wray passed away early Tuesday morning, June 23, of pulmonary fibrosis. She was 73. Cards and calls can be made to the family: Roland Wray, 204 N. Adams St., Keota IA 52248. Their email address is rolandp@iowatelecom.net.

Items To Take

Please look over the basement table that has miscellaneous items that were cleared from the tower room. Take whatever you want. In 2 or 3 weeks the left-over items will be disposed of.

Community

July 3 - Village Northwest Unlimited Independence Day celebration. Bring your lawn chairs. Food stand opens at 5:30 pm with other attractions opening at 6 pm.

Guest Speakers

July 5 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

July 12 - Rev. Bob Wittstruck

July 19 - Rev. Don Lenderink

July 26 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

Aug. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Aug. 9 -

Aug. 16 - Rev. Bob Wittstruck

Aug. 23 - Don Adkins

Aug. 30 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

Sept. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Sept. 13 -

Sept. 20 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

Sept. 27 -

Oct. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Oct. 11 -

Oct. 18 -

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How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! Psa. 119:103

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1. Sweet are the prom - is - es, Kind is the word,
 2. Sweet is the ten - der love Je - sus hath shown,
 3. List' to His lov - ing words, "Come un - to Me;"

Dear - er far than an - y mes - sage man ev - er heard;
 Sweet - er far than an - y love that mor - tals have known;
 Wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, there is sweet rest for thee;

Pure was the mind of Christ, Sin - less I see;
 Kind to the err - ing one, Faith - ful is He;
 Trust in His prom - is - es, Faith - ful and sure;

He the great ex - am - ple is, and pat - tern for me.
 He the great ex - am - ple is, and pat - tern for me.
 Lean up - on the Sav - ior, and thy soul is se - cure.

Chorus

Where He leads I'll fol - low,
 Where He leads I'll

low,
 fol - low, Fol - low all the way, low all the
 yes,

way.
 fol - low all the way. Where He leads I'll fol - low,
 Where He leads I'll

fol - low,
 Where He leads I'll fol - low, Fol - low Je - sus ev - ery day.