

## *Christ, Our Sufficiency*

Ephesians 1:7

### *What If It Does Not Work?*

Have you ever been in a place spiritually where you began to wonder if this whole thing was a sham? Have you ever wondered if what you professed with your lips was nothing more than a fairy tale?

According to Karl Marx, religion is an expression of material realities and economic injustice. Thus, problems in religion are ultimately problems in society. **Religion is not the disease, but merely a symptom. Oppressors use religion to make people feel better about the distress they experience from being poor and exploited.** This is the origin of his comment that religion is the "opium of the masses."

Today I want us to see that Christ is far beyond what we can possibly think or imagine. He far exceeds what we could possibly hope.

I. He is immeasurable in His nature (Col. 1:19; 2:9; 3:11).

He is the full embodiment of all that is God. Whatever God is, Jesus is. God's expansive nature is not easily grasped by finite minds. He is immeasurable in His nature, thus the immeasurableness of His nature assures me of His complete sufficiency.

At the end of the day when the dust settles, you are all alone, and you ask yourself, "Does it work?" may you remember that He is immeasurable in His nature. And because His nature is immeasurable, He keeps His promises.

II. He is immeasurable in His redemptive work (John 19:30).

In our Lord's sacrifice, He completely satisfied the Father's demands. He said, "It is finished." What did He bring to an end? Jesus Christ brought to an end the debt, the conflict, the wrath, and the failure.

Presently, the Scripture speaks of our Lord sitting in heaven. He sits because He completed His redemptive work (Col. 3:1).

At the end of the day when the dust settles and you are all alone, and you ask yourself, "Does it work?" Let us remember that He is immeasurable in His redemptive work. And because His redemptive work is immeasurable, He keeps His promises.

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III. He is immeasurable in His grace (Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:7; 3:8, 16).

His grace is proportionate to His person. There is this comparative parallelism. The riches of His glory, the riches of His grace, and the riches of Christ are working in tandem. They are interwoven equally so that each is expressive of the other.

His grace is as immeasurable as the person of Jesus Christ is. If Christ can fail, so also His grace.

At the end of the day when the dust settles and you are all alone, and you ask yourself, "Does it work?" Let us remember that He is immeasurable in His grace. Because His grace is immeasurable, He keeps His promises.

Perhaps this past month, week, or day you have asked yourself the question, "Does it work?"

Friend, you are not alone. Jesus Christ holds you in the palm of His hand (John 10:27, 28). Romans 8:31-35 assures me that Christ is for me. Jesus Christ is immeasurable in His nature, His redemptive work, and His grace. Because He is immeasurable, He is sufficient. He is all you will ever need . . . in fact; He is more than you will ever need!