

Christ the Lord: Christ's Sufficiency John 1

Why does the sufficiency of Christ in his incarnation liberate us from an economy of scarcity and greed to the life-giving reality of God's glorious generosity?

The sufficiency of Christ in his incarnation liberates us from the slavery of the scarcity mentality of this world to God's glorious and gracious generosity because...

- I. Through his incarnation, Jesus redefined what truly matters: value - our worth before our work (John 1:1-5).
 - a. Relational over transactional economy.
 - b. Being before doing.

- II. Through his incarnation, Jesus made a way to access God's resources for those who previously were deprived: opportunity (John 1:6-13).
 - a. Battle of light vs. darkness.
 - b. Generosity vs entitlement.

- III. Through his incarnation, Jesus reoriented our hearts towards a lifestyle dependent on God's gracious and glorious generosity, not our deficiency or scarcity: life-giving vs. life-taking (John 1:14-18).

**Be generous with your life and resources,
for God graciously gives you both.
Don't hoard what God's grace gave you to share.**

1. In God's economy, the glory of God, flourishing of human relationships and good stewardship of his creation are the goals of wealth creation, not hoarding or greedy accumulation. How are you using your money to glorify God, bless others and manage his creation in a way that reflects his gracious generosity?
2. What are you doing to make sure your resources are shared in such a way that there is always room at your table for those who have less than you?
3. What else would God have to do for you to let go of your fear of scarcity and trust him to share generously? (cf. Luke 12:32-34, Rom 8:32).