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THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST.

A SERMON

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Eph. 3. 8. "*The unsearchable riches of Christ.*"

THIS is an age of exploration. Men are penetrating into the centre of Africa. Prodigious efforts are made to reach every point in the dark continent. It is not improbable that at no very distant date every part of that great country may be fully explored. Men are still determined to reach the North Pole. One traveller after another finds his way nearer to it than his predecessor. There are still many miles to be traversed. The difficulties and dangers thicken with almost every step. But the indomitable energy of man may yet succeed. But there is no reaching the full knowledge of the riches of Christ. The full depth of this great mine can never be explored. The other shore can never be touched nor indeed any shore. And yet there is no barrier to our search. Full permission is given; yet these riches are unsearchable not only to ordinary capacities, but to the largest, and that for ever.

1. Take the *words* of Christ. There are unsearchable riches in these. We know that words have their meanings given in our dictionaries. We further know that great excellence has been reached in the fulness and accuracy of these definitions. But we know also that words coming from some men have deeper meaning than when spoken by others. We know that a man of fine mind, of powerful imagination, of strong feeling, of gifted genius can throw far more meaning into a word than one of ordinary gifts. The words seem to throb with the power of the speaker, and are revelations of his genius.