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EXTRACTING THE RICHES OF HELIUM

For decades the US has been a world leader in exporting helium, supplying the growing demand for the gas. Helium is not only used to fill party balloons but also as a cooling component in MRI machines, nuclear reactors, and rockets. But US supplies—primarily near Amarillo, Texas, and Kansas—have been dwindling. Other exporters like Russia and Qatar have begun to outpace the US. But a discovery of a new deposit of helium in Minnesota may change all that. The size and concentration of the deposit have scientists calling it “a dream” find that is “perfect.” However, further research is required to determine if the helium can be extracted. That determination should come by the end of this year.

EXPLORING THE RICHES OF CHRIST

Today's text shows Paul's excitement to share with the Colossian believers the full extent of the glorious riches they have received through Christ. He describes the “mystery” of salvation, a mystery that was hidden for millennia but is now revealed to all who believe. Paul wants them to be encouraged and to grow in maturity in their faith.

1. How might your life be affected if helium were no longer available?
2. When have you discovered a powerful ability or resource?
3. From your experience, what's an example of the glorious spiritual riches of Christ?

Additional Resources

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[Josh Hayes's "Colossians: A Christology Worth Singing"](#)

[The Bible Project Guide "Book of Colossians: Key Information and Helpful Resources"](#)