

A PEARL of great Value

Matthew 13:45-46

---- **the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant, seeking beautiful pearls. ----- who, when he had found one pearl of great value.... went and sold all that he had and bought it.**

Why is this story in the bible? How is this example like "the kingdom of God?" The secret is, knowing the identity of the players in the story. The merchant, is Jesus Christ! Jesus became a man, gave up everything He had, offered His life as

Payment! He laid down His life. But what is it that has such great importance to Him? What does the pearl represent? "You are the pearl." Jesus died on the cross, He surrendered Himself for you! Do you know that salvation was bought at a great price?

This is how valuable you are to God. He has paid the price for your salvation! The work is done! Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior! Say this simple prayer, and believe when you say it. **Pray,** Lord

The truth about our lives and our destiny

Genesis: 1 through 31. The Bible, which is the word of God, says that in the beginning God created the earth and all that lives on it. God gave clear instructions regarding how He wanted man to live and behave. Almost since the beginning of time, however, man has demanded his own way. He has not wanted to live according to the design of his creator. This has put him on a downward spiral that ultimately leads to

death and judgment for everyone. God, being perfectly holy, has never sinned and cannot tolerate sin in His presence. This means that any person, who is not holy, can never enjoy spending eternity in heaven with Him. Rather, he is subject to God's judgment, which leads to an eternity of punishment in hell. If there were only one option, life would be a hopeless existence awaiting certain doom. But God has provided a way by His Son Jesus Christ. You have two.

If you can understand grace, You're all set.

"Religion" can get so complicated! Just for a minute, forget about what you were taught at your church. Don't think about your life or achievements or your failures. It's not about you or the people around you, it's about Jesus. See if you can agree with this. **"THE GRACE OF GOD"** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Ephesians 2:8 (KJV). Salvation comes by grace.

What is grace? GRACE IS UNLIMITED FAVOR --- A GIFT!

We are saved by grace. **The grace of God is;** that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and be raise from the dead, that we might be saved from death, and receive the **FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE.** So how do we receive the grace of God? How do we receive the free gift? **Simple – Just ask!** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him

I'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS WORLD ALIVE

Amusing as these words are, they are true, and the song reveals an attitude that I'm afraid is all too common among people. We all know that everybody dies eventually, but in day to day life, we regard this knowledge as not terribly important. We entertain a concept of not living on this earth forever, but usually don't stop to think about death, or about what comes after. The song, **"I'll never get out of this world**

alive", indicates a knowledge that we will get out of this world, and a desire for an existence, after death. I feel quite sure these thoughts are also in the heart of every person, especially when they know death is around the corner due to old age or terminal health. Your body will die someday, but the spirit, the immaterial part of you will exist forever. You have a choice, choose Jesus and have eternal life and live forever, or continue in sin and be lost for eternity.

I Can't Get No Satisfaction

Does the old song "I can't get no satisfaction" describe you? Lets see, have you tried pretty much all this world has to offer and you're still not satisfied? How about smoking? Yeah that makes you look cool, especially when you're drinking as well, huh? I mean, what's booze without a "cig"? Booze not enough, how about a real high, let's get a joint, or some drugs. Name your drugs, and for a price they're yours. Once

you come back to reality, you'll still have that void in your life, and still be looking for that satisfaction that seems unattainable! True satisfaction can't be found in a bottle, in a pill form, on the streets, or in a local bar. Complete satisfaction is absolutely free at no cost to you whatsoever, and comes with a lifetime guarantee of fulfillment. What could this be you ask? What I have for you is not some cure all, but someone, not just anyone however, but God's only Son Jesus.

Do You Belong To Jesus?

Once you were under Gods curse, doomed forever for your sins. You went along with the crowd and were just like all the others, full of sin, obeying Satan, who is at work right now in the hearts of those who are against God. All of us used to be just as they are, our lives expressing the evil within us, doing every wicked thing that our evil thoughts or passions might lead us into. We started out bad, being born with evil natures, and were under

God's anger like everyone else. Yet, God, loved us so much, that even though we were spiritually dead and doomed by our sins, He gave us back our lives when He raised Jesus from the dead. Salvation is not a reward for the good we've done. So none of us can take any credit for it. It is God who has given us new lives from Christ Jesus. This is how priceless you are to Him! God gave up His only Son so **"that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have**