

The Believers Treasure is Christ

Matthew 13: 44-46

The Lord Jesus is the Treasure--the one Pearl of great price--of every believer. When Christ begins revealing himself in us it is like finding treasure in a field (Colossians 2: 3; Luke 24:32). The one pearl of great price describes the singleness of heart God gives in the believer for Christ.

Believers will confess that we were like the "merchant man": buying and selling--trying to strike a bargain. We thought we had "goodly pearls" in the treasures of this world, in our religious profession, in our church denomination and our moral change. But by God's grace--he brought us to find THE ONE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE--Christ Jesus (Matthew 13: 46).

Ask a believer, "How valuable is Christ to you?" (Ephesians 1: 3-11). Even during the days of my rebellion, I have always been holy and without blame before God in Christ. By his predestinating grace and power, I am a child of God's own adoption to himself by Jesus Christ. This sinful wretch is accepted by the holy God in Christ the Beloved Pearl of great price. Not shall, but I *have* redemption through his blood; *have* "the forgiveness of sins," all according to the riches of his grace. Our inheritance can never be taken away because it is according to the purpose of him that works all things after the council of his own will, all according his unchangeable grace. By this one Pearl we are complete in Christ Jesus--what a pearl of great price! (Lamentations 3:24).