

THE VALUE OF YOUR SOUL

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Jesus said, “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” –Mark 8:36-37.

According to an article at businessinsider.com, “The current VSL is \$7.4 million in 2006, which is about \$8.6 million in 2013.” These numbers are based on the governments calculations based on something they call Statistical Life which is an estimate they use when conducting cost-benefit analyses of new policies that could save lives. For spiritually practical purposes, it’s useless!

Jesus was One Who Himself was tempted by the devil to sell His soul for “All the kingdoms of the world and their glory” (Matthew 4:8-9). Jesus understands the real value of a soul, and that real value is found in its lasting value. You see, in the end, the world and nothing in it has any real lasting value. Peter taaguth that on the final day all of the elements will be dissolved by fire. They will bur up. If you can lay your eyes on it, kiss it goodbye, it’s going to burrn up. The money, the fancy cars, the elaborate houses – kindling!

Not so with the soul! The soul has lasting value. It will last forever. You can’t put a price on that! Where it will last is up to us. Will your soul last forever in heaven or hell? That’s your choice. If we chose to do good we’ll receive the resurrection of life. If we choose to do evil we’ll receive the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28-29). Those who sell their souls to do the devil’s bidding will lose their valuable soul in everlasting destruction (2 Ths 1:7-9.)

Recognize and appreciate the value of your soul! ☞

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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“IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME”

(Adapted from an invitation given by Kenny Todd)

The church at Corinth had perverted the practice and the purpose of the Lord’s Supper. Paul sought to correct their errors and bring them back to its true meaning and purpose, to proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26). He reminded them of the Lord’s words, “Do this in remembrance of Me” (vs 24). Since the Lord’s Supper is a time for us to set aside all other thoughts and focus on the Lord’s death, let’s think about some things that we should remember in relation to His death.

1. **Remember the LOVE DISPLAYED in His death.** Paul wrote, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Such matchless love!
2. **Remember the HOW of His death.** The cross is historically the cruelest and most agonizing way to put someone to death. You’ve heard the phrase “excruciating pain?” The word “excruciating” comes from the Greek word for “Crucifixion.” You can actually see part of the word crucify in it. This is how Jesus died for us! (Matthew 27:35).
3. **Remember the WHY of His death.** He didn’t die because of any wrong or sin that he Himself had committed, for He was spotless and without blemish (1 Pt 1:19). He died for our sins! He became a sin offering for us! (2 Cor. 5:21).
4. **Remember the MANNER of His death.** He died patiently and with no thought of revenge in His mind. He died with a willingness to forgive even those who killed Him. He died with these words on His lips, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Lk 23:34). And, He died selflessly, thinking of the welfare of his mother (John 19:26-27). In all of this, He left an example for us to follow.
5. **Remember that He died by CHOICE.** He chose to lay down His own life (Jn 10:17-18). A quick reading of His prayer in the garden reveals how difficult it was for Him to carry out this choice (Mtt. 26:36-46). But, He did it for us!
6. **Remember WHAT HAPPENED BECAUSE He died.** Because He died, we can have our sins washed away when we come into contact with His blood at baptism. We can be redeemed! (Eph 1:7; Rev 1:5; Acts 22:16).
7. **Remember that SATAN WAS DEFEATED as a result of His death.** Satan still roams around seeking to devour us, but in Christ we have the tools and strength we need to defeat him! (1 Pt 5:8-9; Jms 4:7; Eph 6:10-18). ☞

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Daily Bible Study

by Michael Pickford

This Week's Theme: Honesty

Weekly Memory Verse: Proverbs 12:22

Introduction: In many ways the world is dishonest and practices deceit. This has always been the case. Studies show that more and more people are telling lies with no regrets and no guilt. A growing body of research shows that people lie constantly and that deception is pervasive in everyday life. One study found that people tell two to three lies every ten minutes, and even conservative estimates indicate that we lie at least once a day. However, God calls us to a higher standard. He wants His children to say and do the right things and to walk in truth, sincerity, and honesty. "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal truthfully are his delight." (Proverbs 12:22). Do you want your life to delight the Lord? Then be someone of integrity and honesty! This week, let's focus our attention upon the concept of honesty. Let's search God's word and our own hearts, examining ourselves to see if there are some corrections we might need to make in relation to our own honesty.

Monday: Revelation 21:8.

1. How many sins are listed in this verse? Think for a moment about the nature of each one. Try to define each one.
2. Who is the last group of people in the list? Does the verse condemn some of them or all of them? Would this include both big lies and little white lies?
3. What fate does the verse describe for those in the list?

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9

1. What are we to put away?
2. By contrast, what are we to do instead?
3. Why are we to do this?
4. Lying is associated with the lifestyle of the ____ ____.

Wednesday: Proverbs 6:16-19; Psalm 120:2

1. Proverbs 6:16-19 lists seven things. How does God feel about these seven things?
2. What are the second and sixth things on the list?
3. In the Psalm noted above, what two things did the Psalmist ask to be delivered from? Have you ever asked for the same thing in your prayers? Would it be a good idea to do so?

Thursday: 1 Peter 3:10-12.

1. Peter spoke of "He who would love life and see good days." What must he refrain his tongue from?
2. What must he refrain his lips from?

3. Read again the last statement in verse 12. Lying is the same as doing _____. How does God feel about that?
4. Again, read verse 12. When we tell lies and practice deceit in any way, how does this affect the effectiveness of our prayers?

Friday: Acts 5:1-4; Psalm 50:19-20; Proverbs 21:6; .

1. There are all types of lies and ways to practice deceit. When a student cheats on a test he is practicing deceit by making his teacher think he knows the answer when he doesn't. Grown-ups do the same when they cheat on their taxes, etc. There are commercial lies where folks lie in the workplace in order to have job security or to make more money. There are social lies when folks lie in order to spare someone's feelings. Malicious lies are often told during the practice of gossip and slander. Read the verses above and try to identify the type of lie each passage deals with.
 - a. Acts 5:1-4:
 - b. Psalm 50:19-20:
 - c. Proverbs 21:6
2. Remember, Revelation 21:8 condemns "all liars." Let us walk with truth and honesty in all of our ways.

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Jeff Isbell
Reading: Mark 8:34-38
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Eli Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Eli Todd

Thank You For Serving!

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

***Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!***