

“Behold, All Souls are Mine”

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Introduction:

A. Mark 8:36-37

1. The soul is more valuable than everything, and it is worth sacrificing everything for its salvation.
2. “How strange a thing this is! The Priest telleth me that the Soul is worth all the gold in the world, and the merchants say that it is not worth a clipped piece of silver.”
3. “It is most certain that in the natural course of things a healthy soul grows continually richer until its latest day on earth” (George Merriam).
4. “You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body” (C.S. Lewis).

B. Three reasons why the soul is humankind's greatest treasure and God's beloved possession

1. The soul is eternal; the world is perishable
2. The soul is a unique creation; the earth is common matter and energy that fills the universe
3. The price of a soul is the life of the Son of God

C. Matt. 16:26; Ez. 18:4-9

1. Satan foolishly believes that man will give anything for his life, including his faith - Job 2:4
2. He tries to get us to believe that as well
3. We must value our soul above our own life and everything in it

I. ETERNAL NATURE OF THE SOUL VS. TEMPORARY STATE OF THE BODY

A. The soul is eternal - 2Cor. 4:16-18

B. The body and the life in it is temporary - James 4:14

1. The soul lives forever; the life in this world is roughly 80 years long.

C. The Lord wants us to get our priorities in order - Matt. 5:29-30

1. Correct perspective - Ecc. 12:7
2. The quality of life in this world means little next to the quality of life in the world to come - Matt. 5:10-12; 2Cor. 12:9-10

D. Our soul is precious because it will live forever

II. THE SOUL IS GOD'S UNIQUE CREATION

A. Humankind is made in the image of God; life began with the very breath of God Himself - Gen. 1:26-27

1. God recognized our souls before we are born - Psalm 139:14-16
2. Our soul identifies us as children of God - Psalm 82:6; Acts 20:26-29

B. Our souls are precious because they are unique in this universe

III. THE VALUE OF THE SOUL IS BEYOND PRICELESS

A. Sin separates man's soul from God - Isa. 59:2. This is not what He wants

B. What made it possible for our souls to be bought back from the dominion of sin? - Rom. 5:6-8; Matt. 20:28; 1Tim. 2:5-6; 1Peter 1:18-20

1. He gave Himself for us; it is only right that we give our all back to Him - Matt. 16:24-25