

WITHOUT CHRIST, NOTHING! JER 13:1-11

WITH CHRIST, MORE THAN ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD! MARK 8:34-36

JESUS MAKES US WORTHY!

I. WE ARE MADE WORTHY THRU CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR US! LK 15:1-7

A. CHRIST RECEIVES AND FELLOWSHIPS WITH SINNERS vs 1-3
 B. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE TO LOCATE LOST SHEEP vs 4-6
 C. REPENTANCE OCCURS WHEN THE SACRIFICE IS SEEN vs 7

JESUS GIVES US HIS LIFE! JOHN 10:11

II. WE ARE MADE WORTHY THRU CHRIST'S SEARCHING FOR US! LK 15:8-10

A. EVERYBODY WILL SEARCH OUT FOR LOST MONEY! vs. 8-9
 B. ONLY GOD SEES THE VALUE OF LOST SOULS IN SIN & SEEKS THEM! vs. 10

III. WE ARE MADE WORTHY THRU OUR SONSHIP INTO CHRIST'S FAMILY! LK 15:11-32

A. DE-VALUED THRU OUR SIN AGAINST HEAVEN - LK 15:11-16
 1. GREED, FAMILY SEPARATION, RIOTOUS LIVING (GAMBLING, DRUNKENNESS, FORNICATION) COVETOUS...
 2. WAGES OF SIN: POVERTY, SLAVERY, SENSE OF WORTHLESSNESS, ANXIETY, DESPAIR...
 B. RE-VALUE STARTS WITH TURNING AWAY FROM SIN (CALLED REPENTANCE) vs. 17-19
 C. RESTORATION TO GOD'S FAMILY ESTABLISHES WORTH! vs. 20-24
 1. CLOTHING PICTURES THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST - ISA 61:10 REV 19:7-8
 2. SACRIFICE PICTURES CALVARY OUR PASSOVER IN CHRIST - 1COR 5:7
 3. SONSHIP PICTURES BEING BORN AGAIN INTO GOD'S FAMILY WHEN WE RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR FROM OUR SIN - JOHN 1:12-14

MEANING OF WORTH: "VALUE"

- DANISH - "VAERD"
- INDO-EUROPEAN BASE: "WER" - MEANS "TURN" (REPENT - LUKE 5:32)
- LATIN: "VERTERE" MEANS "CONVERT" "VERSION" (TRANSFORM - ROM 12:1-3)
- OBSOLETE ENGLISH VERB: "WORTH" MEANS "BECOME" (SAINT - EPH 5:1-21 see 3)
- DERIVED FROM WORTH: "WORTHY, WORSHIP" - REV 4:10-11
- STRONG'S GREEK MEANING OF WORTHY (S14): "DESERVING" - BY BELIEVING ON CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR US, WE ARE CLEANSSED FROM ALL SIN AND THEN MADE DESERVING OF ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE GOSPEL WHICH COMPELS US TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) AND MAKE OTHERS WORTHY!

D. WARNING: DON'T DE-VALUE THE WORK OF GOD IN HIS FAMILY (THE CHURCH) - LK 15:25-32

- * SEPARATION, ANGER, BITTERNESS & PASSING JUDGEMENT ON OTHER BELIEVERS GRIEVES GOD'S SPIRIT (EPH 4:25-32), VIOLATES GOD'S WORD (JOHN 13:34-35), AND BRINGS GOD'S JUDGEMENT ON THEMSELVES (MATT 18:6, 15-17, 32-35) - MATT 7:12

COME! MAT 11:28

WORTH ACTS 9:6 SERVANT

JESUS GIVES US HIS SPIRIT! JOHN 14:17

JESUS GIVES US HIS WORD! 1 PET 1:23

FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE THEE, AND AM NO MORE WORTHY TO BE CALLED THY SON

- * IN OUR HEART: REPENTANCE LUKE 15:18-19
- * WITH OUR MOUTH: CONFESSION LUKE 15:21
- * IN OUR LIFE: GLORIFICATION! JOHN 15:8

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