

What Good Will it be for Someone to Gain the Whole World, Yet Forfeit Their Soul?

Main Bible Verse:

(Matthew 16:25-26) For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Summary:

Matthew 24:21-22 | Matthew 16:26 | 1 Corinthians 16:22 | Luke 23:34

- The “great distress” is covid-19
- This “great distress” will be unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.
- Due to the elect, the days of the “great distress” will be cut short
- If a soul is saved, that surpasses the whole world
 - Nobody can ever earn the whole world, only Jesus can by being the word become flesh and being crucified on the cross for our redemption
- Paul said that those who do not love the Lord are destined to be cursed
 - This is because Jesus’ first phrase on the cross was “Father forgive them for they do not know what they do.”
 - Jesus died for us on the cross, and we must love Him
 - We must fill our hearts with thanksgiving and praise because Jesus was crucified for us.
- We must not stop meeting with God and worship Him in spirit and in truth
 - What Paul meant by not loving the Lord is taking our meetings with God lightly.

Luke 16:19-31 | Romans 10:14-15 | John 3:23

- The rich man lived in luxury, and Lazarus was a poor man at the rich man’s door.
 - After death, Lazarus was with Abraham in heaven while the rich man was tormented in hell
 - With this story of comparison between the two men, Jesus taught us about gaining the whole world and forfeiting one’s own soul.
- We must learn from this and always love God and dedicate ourselves to Him instead of worldly things.
- We must help those around us to at least give our Sundays to God.
 - Man cannot gain the whole world, but Jesus already gave us the solution to saving our souls.
- Coming to church is to meet God and to wholeheartedly worship and praise Him.
- Paul especially taught us that we must believe when we hear God’s word and only go when we are sent.
- We must always listen for God’s instructions and only do things if we are sent.
 - We mustn’t follow our own feelings, but rather follow God’s way.
 - Feelings cannot give us success
 - The key to our success is to worship in spirit and in truth.
 - When we commit our hearts to God in spirit and in truth, we will be God’s elect.
- Who are we?
 - We are God’s elect who never stop going to church, reading the Bible daily, worshiping in spirit and in truth daily, and seeking God’s way daily.
 - We must never stop meeting with God to become the poor in spirit who hunger for righteousness.
 - When we fall before Jesus, we must have an empty heart and humility to receive the instructions from God.
 - We must at least read the Bible for 30 minutes a day.