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The Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:45-46


The pearl of great price is the knowledge of God's Will. God's Will is a mystery and the Lord reveals that mystery to His disciples only and not to the world (Eph. 1:9). God's Will is the integral part of the message of the kingdom of God, which the Lord is only revealing to a few, those who have been given ears to hear and spiritual eyes to see in God's word (Matt. 13:11, 16-17).

The very proof that God's Will is a mystery is very simple to demonstrate. **How many of those who profess to be disciples of Jesus Christ do God's Will on this earth daily, just as it is being done by God in heaven (Matt. 6:10)?** How would you even know what that Will is, unless it has been revealed to you by God. The Will of God is not only typified as a pearl but also as the **keys** to the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 16:19). **For unless you know the Will, you do not know the Way—if you do not know the Way, you are still religiously deceived, because you have received an incomplete gospel and incomplete message of salvation.** This is why an angel of the Lord told the apostles to speak the **whole** message of this life (Acts 5:20). There were many gospel messages being preached in Jesus Christ's time, just as there are today, but the messages remain incomplete because they are only partial messages. It is because of this missing truth, the pearl of great price, that a person's life cannot change so he or she can become a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17).

Then what is this pearl of great price? **What is this hidden knowledge that will allow a person to repent and enter the kingdom of heaven within (Luke 13:3, 5; 17:21)?** It is the message of righteousness—it is the Way of righteousness (Matt. 21:32; 2 Peter 2:21). It was simply called "The Way" by the followers of Jesus Christ some 2,000 years ago (Acts

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18:25; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14). It was a righteous Way of life, doing as much good for others as they possibly could daily. Jesus being their example, they were doing deeds of kindness and charity continually in their daily walk with God (Acts 9:36). Some of them were actually doing greater works of righteousness than Jesus did while He was here on this earth (John 14:12). Jesus had to return to the Father so He could send His Spirit, which would allow His followers to put on new natures and become new creatures in Christ Jesus (John 14:17-18). This powerful Spirit of truth would allow a disciple of Jesus to crush his evil nature with its evil passions and desires and become a new creation (Gal. 5:24; 6:15).

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The disciples were told that if they continually practiced righteous deeds towards one another, God would build in them a new nature. He would form Jesus' new nature in them (Gal. 4:19). They were not only told to engage in good works daily for repentance, but they were also warned not to get weary in well doing, for in due time they would reap the new natures as well as blessings from the Lord (Titus 3:8; 2 Thess. 3:13; Gal. 6:8-9). This is how we overcome our evil natures (by continually doing good) like Jesus overcame and gave us example of how it's done (Rom. 12:21; 1 Peter 3:10-11; Eph. 2:10; Rev. 5:5). We are to overcome our evil natures by keeping the deeds that Jesus gave us example to keep, if we are not to be hurt in the second death (Rev. 2:26; 2:11).

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So the pearl of great price is God's Will and God's Will is righteousness—and that righteousness that we are to practice, daily on this earth, is the words that Jesus received from the Father (John 5:19; 8:51). For this is how we enter the kingdom of heaven, when the righteousness comes from our hearts and is no longer hypocritical (Matt. 5:20; 6:1; Eph. 6:6-8). Jesus said His Ways were very easy and pleasant to do (Matt. 11:30). Of course, we will never know unless we put our hands to the plow (which represents doing good works for God for repentance) and force our way into the kingdom within. We cannot look back (Luke 16:16).

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Hundreds, if not thousands, are now engaged in righteousness daily for God's glory. It is beyond human words to explain this glorious new Way of life. The Way of righteousness is God's Way of purifying us for Himself, by being zealous for good deeds for the Lord (Titus 2:7, 14; Col. 3:17). Don't be a goat any longer but a sheep. Be a doer not a hearer. We are all saved by grace, so we should no longer live a disgraceful life before our Maker, but imitate His Way of life daily (Eph. 5:1). □

Dying to Self

Every time you say, "Not my will be done, but the Will of the Father" you die to self (Matt. 26:39). Every time you resist an evil thought, an evil impulse or an evil action, you die to self (1 Peter 5:8-9). Every time you do something kind for someone else, for God, you die to self (Rom. 12:21; Gal. 6:9).

When you are tested by God with a severe trial and you accept it, persevere, and continue to do what is right, you die to self (Luke 21:19; 1 Peter 4:12-13). When you have the courage to speak what is right and expose what is evil, you die to self (Eph. 5:10-11).

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Every time you correct a fool in his folly in a loving manner, you die to self (Prov. 26:4-5). When you discipline yourself continually for the purpose of godliness, you are dying to self (1 Tim. 4:7). Every time you give in secret, you are dying to self (Matt. 6:1). Every time you practice righteousness for God, you are dying to self (1 John 3:7). Every time you do good for God, you are dying to self and entering the kingdom within (Luke 17:21).

"Are you dying to self by living only to the Spirit, which is what pleases God?"

Overcoming evil by doing good and pleasing God is dying to self (Rom. 12:21). You cannot be converted unless you die to self daily by serving others (Mark 10:45). Dying to self is repentance (Acts 26:20). Are you dying to self by living only to the Spirit, which is what pleases God (Gal. 5:16)? If you, like the Apostle Paul, are conscious of nothing against yourself, then you are dying to self (1 Cor. 4:4).

If Jesus should come back tomorrow, would you be ready? Or, will you shrink away from Him in shame when He comes (1 John 2:28)? Are you abiding in Christ by putting all of His words and all of His sayings into daily practice in your life? Then you are truly dying to self and are becoming a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17).

These are the words of Jesus Christ: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done for you. Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciple" (John 15:7-8).□



**MISCONCEPTIONS
VS.
TRUTH**

***"Once saved,
always saved."***

The truth is...

Are You a Hypocrite?



You may have heard that a hypocrite is one who says one thing and does another. Although this is one of the definitions, God's word indicates there are others also.

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The Pharisees or religious leaders of Jesus’ day were guilty of doing good for the wrong reasons. They did good to be seen of men. They wanted glory from men and not from God. When someone gave a large donation,

the Rabbi would give that person honorable mention from the pulpit.

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These leaders would disfigure their faces when they fasted because they wanted everyone to know they were fasting. By doing this, they would be thought of as being righteous. Because these religious leaders were doing good for self and not in secret for God, they were hypocrites.

These Pharisees were becoming more and more evil in their hearts because they were not overcoming evil by doing good daily for God. Instead, they were doing good for their own self esteem. They became more and more hypocritical until they were exposed by their own wickedness.

This same thing is happening to some of the television evangelists today. You may think it is only a few, but keep your eyes open - be alert - the Lord will show you.

Another type of hypocrite is the person who is double-minded. This person constantly professes what is right, yet constantly does what is wrong. This person has troubles because he is not doing right even though he professes it. He is a hypocrite because his life isn't devoted to what is right. He is still very much in the world. He is worldly, carnal-minded, fleshly, and unstable in all his ways (James 1:8).

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Yet, because of inconsistency and wrong motives, they fall away and lose interest when tests and trials come (Matt. 13:21). The righteous must be tried and tested in order to build endurance and steadfastness so they will persevere to the end.

“The sin of omission is the same as commission as far as God is concerned.”

You seek God by doing good to please Him daily (Rom. 3:10-12). By doing nothing, you remain a child of Satan (1 John 3:10). Many think the children of Satan do or practice what is wrong. They never consider that by doing nothing good, they are in fact doing evil. The sin of omission is the same as commission as far as God is concerned. If you are not doing good toward God daily, you remain an enemy of God because you are not practicing righteousness toward God and thus imitating Him (Eph. 5:1).

Abraham practiced righteousness toward God when he did good unto the strangers in Genesis 18. Likewise, Lot was at the gate of the city looking for someone who needed a place to stay because he knew how dangerous it was for someone to stay outside in that evil city. He not only protected the strangers from evil, but he also entertained them with food and good company and gave them a place to rest. God considered Abraham and Lot righteous because of their conduct toward others.

“Job helped the blind, the lame, the elderly, the widows and the orphans.”

Job was also considered righteous because he constantly did good for God in all aspects of his life. Job knew he was going through a test from God (Job 2:10; 5:17-18; 13:9). Job helped the blind, the lame, the elderly, the widows and the orphans (Job 29:12-17). Many do not know that hidden in the book of Job is the fact that Job raised two orphans - a boy and a girl - and they ate at his table (Job 31:16-19). Yes, the Lord Himself said Job was righteous because of this. Job was turning away from evil by doing this (Job 1:1-8; 2:3).

“You cannot be holy and continue to do nothing for God.”

Can the Lord say these things about you, or are you still serving Satan by doing evil or doing nothing (1 John 3:7-10)? You cannot be holy and continue to do nothing for God. In fact, unless you are holy, you will not see the Lord (Heb. 12:10, 14) or be raised to immortality (John 5:29).

Remember, only those who do good for God continually are of God (3 John 11). They are justified by Jesus Christ's blood because they obey Him and become doers of God's word (2 Tim. 3:17; James 1:22; 1 Peter 1:2). They will be the ones who receive glory, honor and immortality (Rom. 2:7, 10).

“...Let's fulfill the purpose for which we were created.”

We were created to do good works in the name of Jesus Christ for the glory of the Father (Eph. 2:10; Col. 3:17). Let's not remain hypocrites or children of Satan. Instead let's fulfill the purpose for which we were created. □

Perfect

Most every girl dreams of the “perfect life.” She dreams of that special, awesome day when she’ll walk down the aisle to wed the man of her dreams and when she’ll have her own little house to take care of. As she dreams of her perfect house with her perfect man, she tends to forget that she must become the perfect woman. Isn’t this true?

Being the perfect woman is very easy. **The perfect woman of God puts God first by studying her Bible, praying and looking for opportunities to serve God, and continually doing good for God each day - doing all she does, even the most mundane tasks, for the glory of God.** She is prepared to serve others at anytime and prays for others continually. Perfect means spiritually mature, stable, steadfast and immovable—continually serving God.

Her life is centered around helping others to please God. **She is a shining light in a dark world** (Matt. 5:16). When she gives a lunch or party, she includes those who cannot pay her back—the blind, lowly, handicapped, orphans or widows (Luke 14:13-14).

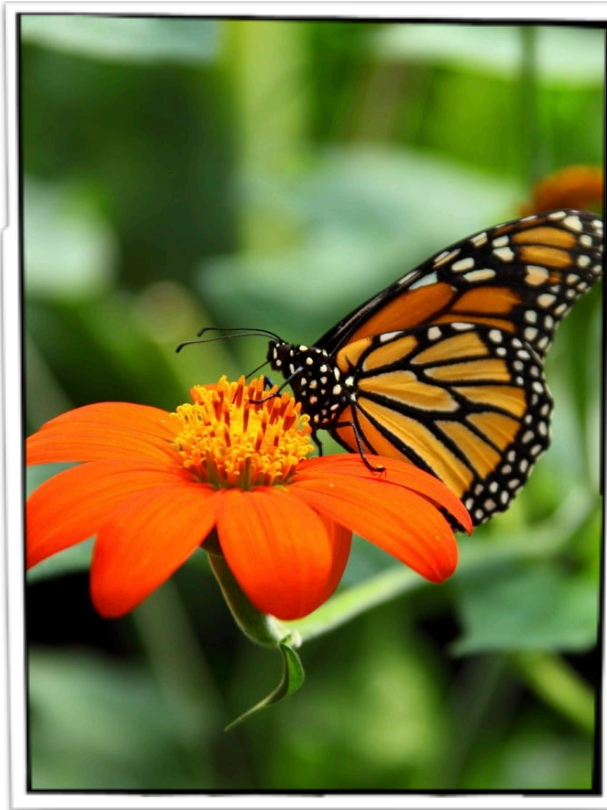
Proverbs 31:10-31 describes the perfect godly woman and Jesus Christ says to be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matt. 5:48). **When a woman strives to be perfect, she is**

a jewel to God and to her husband; in fact, she is worth far more than jewels, according to Proverbs 31:10.

The godly woman represents strength and dignity, and she never points her finger or speaks wickedness about anyone (Prov. 31:25; Is. 58:9). When she opens her mouth she is kind, and uses wisdom, in her speech. **She is caring, loving, compassionate and understanding, teaching God’s Ways of charity to others.** She takes good care of her home and sees that it is clean. She is not lazy (Prov. 31:27). Her children love her and have only good to say about her (Prov. 31:28). She is like Dorcas—continually abounding with deeds of kindness and charity (Acts 9:36).

“Charm is deceitful; beauty is vain; but a woman who fears (obeys) the Lord, she shall be praised” (Prov. 31:30). Study Proverbs 31:10-31. It is one of the greatest sets of Scriptures in the Bible because it offers guidelines on how to be a godly woman. **We want to be aware of what God expects of a godly woman, so we can please Him in all our ways and be a perfect woman of God.**

*Your sister in Christ,
Karren*



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Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

The whole world is eagerly watching and waiting to see how things will unfold here in the United States. We will have a new President very soon and a whole new administration in place shortly. **Many are anxious and unsettled, but we can have great peace knowing that the future is firmly in God's hands.** How it plays out will be part of fulfilling God's prophecies, as laid out in His Word. **What part of that prophecy we fulfill is determined by the way we live our lives.** This is where *The Pearl of Great Price* comes in, as discussed in our lead article. **That pearl is the knowledge of God's Ways and how to put them into practice every day in our life.** This most certainly will impact us, and what happens to us, in the fulfillment of God's plan.

God's Word says that He will make your enemies to be at peace with you (Prov. 16:7). It says that He will bless your going in and going out (Prov. 28:6). He will hear your prayers (Prov. 15:29). He will give you the desire of your heart (Psalm 37:4). In short you will become the apple of His eye. Why? Because, there are not many people in the world living a righteous way of life, for the glory of God, nor do they care to (Rom. 3:10). Like a child who is pleasing to his earthly father; the Father in heaven wants to give good gifts to

those who are pleasing in His sight (1 John 3:22). **Yes the truth is simple, just simply not known.**

Just yesterday I was in my local Apple store. I was talking to the sales girl, who was helping me, and she asked what the *Whole Wheat* organization was all about. When I told her a little bit about it, she then asked me if I had any life lessons for her. I handed her a *Whole Wheat* card and told her to go on our website and check it out, as it is filled with life lessons! I knew that if I never saw her again she would receive *The Pearl of Great Price*.

We have the answers, directly from God's word on how to live the blessed life and come out of a life of curses. People are looking and seeking for those answers. Don't keep this precious pearl to yourselves...be brave and courageous...share this truth with others! It's as simple as directing them to our website or sharing a copy of this newsletter. **Let's be useful vessels of honor, and representatives of God here on earth - in thought, word and deed - so that we can be a shining example to all in this dim world that is only growing darker.**

In His Love,

Scott

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Be Zealous in All You Do

The word of God admonishes us to be diligent in business (to know the state of our flocks) and to do whatever we do with our whole heart and total might (Prov. 18:9; 27:23; Col. 3:23). In short, we are to continually go about doing good (Acts 10:34-35, 38).

A sporting competition cannot be won unless the players are wholehearted about the game. A song cannot become a hit unless the singer puts his whole heart into it. Great things can never be achieved unless the person wholeheartedly pursues his goal. Some call it singleness of mind. These same principles hold true for the godly life (1 Kings 8:61).

Jesus was single-minded about serving God in His life (Matt. 4:10). He knew this was done by serving those in need of clothes or food and attending to the sick (Matt. 25:33-40).

Jesus called fishermen and then told them to go fishing for men - to save lost souls by telling them how to live a godly life (Matt. 4:19; Mark 1:17). He told His disciples to teach people to live a life of overcoming. It is the same simple Way of life He came to show us. This Way of life is pure and full of satisfaction, blessings and extreme joy.

Happiness comes from making others happy. Peace comes from sowing peace, and love comes to those who give it. That's why Jesus never lived to please Himself (Rom. 15:3). He lived to please others by taking care of their needs first and doing it all for the glory of the Father (Rom. 15:2). Those who observed Him thought He was a nice guy. They thought He was a "do-gooder," and He was. He was a "do-gooder" for God.

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God's works are all righteous. When we practice righteousness for the glory of God, we are doing the works of the Father (Matt. 5:16). Practicing righteousness is God's Will and that's all Jesus did (John 21:25). It's

so simple that a child would have no problem with it. Followers of Jesus Christ are called little children in the Bible because they live only to please their Father. They do this by practicing righteousness and doing righteous deeds to those who are in need (Luke 18:17; 1 John 2:1; 3:7).

Why delay another day? Why not start living God's Way right now, so you can be blessed for the rest of your life?☐

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