

**THE VALUE OF MAN**  
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*"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." Matt. 10:29-31. "And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep." Matt. 12:11-12a.*

It seems today that many people place value in the wrong things. Clearly we are items of great value to God, who wants us to value our soul most of all, above all things of value. Your everlasting soul is of more value than anything in this world. *"Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"* Matt. 16:24-26 Christ Jesus at the cross paid the price to redeem your soul. Our soul was such value to God He was willing to give His only Son to preserve that soul of ours eternally. To make this happen God used all the recourses of heaven and His mighty power. God, above all, knows the value of our human souls. I want to consider why man is so very valuable. What are we really worth and of what does our worth consist? I would like to consider the negative side first. **(1) Man's Moral Condition is Corrupt:** *"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."* Rom 8:7. Hatred of God, and all those who are involved in false

worship cannot please God. They are apt to choose the wages of sin which is death. **(2) No Eternal Value In Physical Condition:** *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them: "* Ecc. 12:1. Most young people are not bothered with physical problems, but as age advances the rest of the chapter pictures bad eye sight, trembling hands, stooped back, hearing problems, teeth decay, many fears, added burdens, and finally death. They say the chemical value of a body is less than a dollar. Often people strive for better values in the condition of health, but your body will finally die. The body will return to dust, and your eternal soul to God. True value is not wrapped up in your body of flesh which is destined for the grave. **(3). Not In Man's Planned Spiritual Programing:** *"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."* Rom. 10:3. Man has built up much spiritual thinking, and false religions propagate a kind of spirituality that is not spiritual. You could spin thousands of prayer wheels, light a forest fire of candles, count a million beads, without increasing personal value. Praying to the saints is another false man made spiritual invention. Millions in many religions deceive themselves into feeling better, when they are making themselves worse. Spiritual works in the eyes of man are not right before God, and keeps him blind to the true value of relationship to the finished work of Christ. And one of **(4). True Value Is Not Based On Your Financial Condition:** *" And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things*

*which he possesseth."* Luke 12:13-15. Your money does not cause God to become interested in you. Your money has no appeal to the Creator of all things. The poor always seem to get the loving attention of God who gave His son, "true value" on the cross to pay in full for your soul's eternal salvation. Nothing ever will have the value of such a gift. Have you received it with all the guarantees of our eternal God? Next, we will **Consider The Positive Side Of Our Value With God:** We have a natural kinship to Him that is not true of any other creature. The trinity is Father, Son, and Spirit and we have a body soul and spirit. We were made in His likeness to be like Him and to dwell eternally in His presence. Therefore **(1). Man Is A Deathless Eternal Being:** *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* Gen. 1:27. Of all that He created, we are the only creatures with a kinship to Him. Sooner or later we believers will enter eternity, but true believers are not listed as dead, but asleep in Jesus. Even the sinner dead will be resurrected to stand before God for judgment. No one's soul ceases to exist, but goes on eternally either in Heaven or Hell. Take time to read I Thess.4:13-17 and if you are saved it clearly tells what will happen to us. Then read Luke 16:22-24 and you will see what happens to lost unsaved persons who die without Christ. We saints only have worth through the grace of God. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."* Eph. 2:8 We are fully dependent on the eternal grace of our Lord. That grace takes blinded, ugly, fallen men, and fashions them into beautiful beings, fit for companionship with God and angels. Think of it as carbon lying in a mine of Africa waiting to be mined, and cut into a beautiful stone for a ring upon a ladies' finger. Unsaved man is like the stone in the quarry. Until by faith in the grace of God he is mined and shaped for God's glory. *"And they shall be*

*mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him,"* Mal. 27:26. **(2). True Value Based On Our Creation:** *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* Gen. 1:27. We are much better than the sparrow or the sheep for we are made in the image of God. We are not an animal, but a creature of a much higher creation. We used to sing, "I'm no Kin To The Monkey." Our value stretches far beyond the animal kingdom. We are soldiers of the cross, trophies of His grace. and servants of the King of Kings. Because of His love for us, we are cherished by the Father, who uses us to do service as His servants. Talk about value, most of us need to get busier for God. **(3). We Have Great Capacity for Happiness:** *"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."* Psm. 8: 4-6. Once you find Christ as Saviour and live totally under His control, you can know true happiness. **(4) Dependence On God's Provision:** *"Rejoice because your names are written in heaven."* Luke 10:20b. Our Bible is packed by promises from God. He promises to forever be with us, and to meet our every need. Talk about value, and that which is insured for eternity. We will not be begging bread, but we are so loved by God He will always supply our needs. If you are a believer, your name is already written in Heaven. That is far better than the value of a wavering stock market. **(5). The Promise Of Eternity With Him:** *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* Eph 2: 8&9. Our true value is all wrapped up in the inheritance promised in our beautiful home beyond the skies, with Christ forever.