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# Jesus Christ Our Savior

Many do not even realize that Jesus Christ willfully was crucified on the cross to redeem and save them from the fiery flames of hell. The huge majority have chosen to ignore their Lord and Savior to live their life as they see fit. Many have chosen a life of lies and deceit in order to gain the wealth of the world with no regard of the spiritual ramifications.

The life you choose today determines where you will spend eternity. If you choose to follow the ways of the world, you have given up the greatest gift that you can receive. What is 70 years compared to eternity? What does the world offer that is so great that you are willing to lose your soul?

#### Matthew 16:26

26 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?

The huge majority have chosen to follow the ways of the world and have traded their soul for the fodder offered by the world. They dream of temporary riches and wealth while losing their soul! The true gold only comes through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Luke 16:1-31

- 1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.
- 2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy

stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

- 3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.
- 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.
- 5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?
- 6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.
- 7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.
- 8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.
- 9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.
- 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
- 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
- 13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else

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he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

- 14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.
- 15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.
- 16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.
- 17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.
- 18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.
- 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's

#### house:

- 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
- 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16 contains these parts:

- Rich Man and the Unjust Steward
- God and Mammon
- Pharisee Self-justification
- Divorce and Adultery
- Rich Man and Lazarus

### The Rich Man and the Unjust Steward

Here is a story about a steward who is caught in deceitful dealings with the owners assets. Just like the fraudulent corporate CEO's who have made millions on defrauding both the company and the shareholders, this steward was using his boss's assets to increase his own wealth. When his fraudulent activities were discovered, he scrambled to save his own hide. This is the same thing that the corporate heads of some investment banks that are on the verge of collapse are doing today. Look at how the corporate executives of Bear Stearns are covering up their actions to prevent going to jail!

It seems that the SEC has been investigating Bear Stearns' activities for quite some time. Now that they have been bought by JP Morgan Chase it seems that we will be seeing indictments coming for the executives of Bear Stearns. These people seem to think that when they have gained the whole world that they don't have to follow the rules of truth and honesty.

I imagine that they are in the process of doing

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just what the unfaithful steward did by doing everything that they can imagine to prevent an indictment coming down upon them.

#### God and Mammon

You cannot serve God and the world simultaneously. You can either choose to serve God or the world, but do not even try to serve both! Many have attempted to serve both and have failed miserably! As Joshua expounded to Israel:

#### Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Just as Israel had to choose, you also have a choice to make. The choice is yours and only you can choose to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with all of your heart, mind, and soul; or you can choose to follow wholeheartedly the wicked ways of the world. The option is in your hands.

If you attempt to serve both, you will end up serving the world and end up in the fiery furnace.

#### Pharisee Self-Justification

The Pharisees were the members of the Bar Association 2000 years ago. They were a proud bunch of lawyers just like the present members of the Bar Association. They saw Jesus Christ as a threat to their position. The members of Congress and the Senate, along with state and local legislators, give glowing speeches about their positions on matters. They hold their finger up to the wind to see what way the wind is blowing and their current position will coincide. It does not matter if they had a different opinion just a week or a couple days earlier.

These are men and women of corrupt minds as the Apostle Paul states in 1 Timothy:

#### 1 Timothy 6:1-5

- 1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.
- 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.
- 3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;
- 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
- 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

### Divorce and Adultery

The majority of churches do not believe in the teaching of our Lord and Savior concerning marriage and divorce. They corrupt the Bible when they teach doctrines like, "You were not married in the Lord so you can remarry." This liberal corruption of Jesus' teaching is what the Apostle Paul was warning Timothy about. There are even despicable churches and preachers that preach that homosexuality is OK! God destroyed two cities for their homosexuality!

#### Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke ends the chapter with a true story about two people. The first being a rich man who gained the whole world while totally disregarding his soul. When he died, he was judged and found himself in eternal torment. Lazarus was judged and was found righteous.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus tells us just how important it is to take care of our soul. We need to guard it against all of the cares of the

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world and the wiles of the devil. We need to pay attention to our spiritual well being rather than what the world is continually telling us what is important! When you die and are judged, will you find yourself in the loving arms of Jesus in heaven, or will you discover that you will be spending eternity in a fiery hell? The choice is yours! Nobody can make it for you!

Where you spend eternity depends upon if you have totally repented of your sins and have been filled with the Holy Ghost. You must choose your destiny! Choose Jesus Christ and his righteousness and live or choose the world and burn. What is seventy years compared to eternity? Is burning in hell worth all of the riches that can be gained on this earth? Is burning in torment worth anything that the world offers? Is burning in hell worth the lies and deceit that you used to get to where you are today?

Jesus is calling you to repentance today. It is now time to consider your soul and where you will spend eternity. Come to Jesus Christ today and seek his divine forgiveness. Come to Jesus Christ today on bended knee seeking his riches and glory over the riches and glory of the world.

Peter closed his first sermon with the following:

#### Acts 2:38-40

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Just as Saint Peter concluded, "Save yourselves from this untoward generation."

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