

Priceless

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Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. Eph 2:1-3 (NLT)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), Eph 2:4-5 (NASB95)

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8 (NASB95)

For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. Psalms 139:13-14 (NASB95)

1. You are priceless!
"So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. Matt 10:31 (NASB95)

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy

Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7 (NASB95)

Take away

What do you do with valuables?

2. Put God's sacrifice to use!
"The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' Matt 25:20 (NASB95)

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. Romans 14:12 (NASB95)

"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. Matt 25:14 (NASB95)

3. Don't bury your value!
But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matt 25:18 (NASB95)

Notes
