



God's Kingdom #9



The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field. After a person found it, he hid it, and in his joy he went and sold everything that he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for beautiful pearls. ⁴⁶ And after he found one pearl of great worth, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:45-46 CET

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

*The Treasure: God's Chosen People

*The Person: Jesus Messiah

*The Field: The World

The Parable of the Priceless Pearl

*The Merchant: Jesus Messiah

*The Pearl: God's Chosen People

1. Jesus searches for us.

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field. Matthew 13:44a CET

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for beautiful pearls. Matthew 13:45 CET

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 NIV

2. Jesus rejoices in finding us.

After a person found it, he hid it, and in his joy...

Matthew 13:44b CET See Luke 15:6,9 and 24.

⁷ I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. Luke 15:7 NASB See also v.10.

3. Jesus chose and values us.

⁴⁶ And after he found one pearl of great worth... Matthew 13:46a CET

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. John 15:18-19 NIV See 1 Thessalonians 1:4-6.

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6:26 NIV See Isaiah 43:4.

4. Jesus gave everything for us.

he went and sold everything that he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44c CET

he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:46c CET

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28 NIV

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Philippians 2:6-8 NIV

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7:6-9 NIV