



What is worth your life?



What is your life?

If this question was asked to 100 different people, there could be as many different answers. What word would you use to summarise your life? Some may use happy, carefree, exiting, fulfilling. Others would have to confess unhappy, lonely, empty or even hopeless. You might think it strange that this question is found in the Bible. The answer is also given, **“it is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away”** (James 4:14). Have you ever watched the vapour rising up from the surface of boiling water? It only lasts a few seconds before it disappears. The Bible reminds us that this is just like our lives and would exhort us elsewhere that, **“it is time to seek the LORD”** (Hosea 10:12). A poet aptly described the brevity of life as follows:

When as a child I crawled and wept ... **time crept,**
When as a youth I laughed and talked ... **time walked,**
When I became a full grown man ... **time ran,**
As daily still I older grew ... **time flew,**
Soon shall I find in travelling on ... **time gone,**
And face eternity begun ... **TIME DONE!**

What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

For many, it is just a vain imagination to be very wealthy and to be able to acquire all the material possessions that money could buy, yet many relentlessly pursue such a dream. Vast

amounts are spent each week on various forms of lotteries and gambling as people long for material prosperity and fulfilment driven by the yearnings of their carnal desires. Many others through hard work and business ventures seek to achieve the same. The Lord Jesus Christ asked the above searching question to challenge His hearers and us today and continued by asking, **“And what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”**. Have we failed to grasp that our souls (the real me) is infinitely more valuable than all the riches in the world we could collect. Many who lust and heap up such temporal and corrupting riches, will one day find themselves for ever lost in Hell with no means to extract themselves from such a place of torment. How solemn when eternal salvation was once within their grasp! Such cravings will keep us from Christ, from His salvation and from ensuing effectual service for Him. Have you given this any thought? Another poet wrote:

The clock of life is wound but once, and no one has the power,
To tell just when the hand will stop, at late or early hour;
To lose your wealth is sad indeed, to lose your health is more,
To lose your soul is such a loss, as no one can restore!

What think ye of Christ, whose Son is He?

This personal question asked by Christ to the religious people of His day is the greatest of all and requires an answer. Who is Jesus Christ and what does He mean to you? Some acknowledge Him to be a mere historical figure who did good deeds and helped people. Others are dismissive and find him totally irrelevant to the 21st century. In the Bible many

testimonies are give about Him, from both enemies and friends, including: ***“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”***; ***“Truly this was the Son of God”***; ***“In Him is no sin”***; ***“Never man spoke like this Man”***; ***I find in Him no fault at all”***; ***“This man hath done nothing amiss”***. We need right thoughts of Christ; the Bible alone presents the truths concerning this unique Man.

The Conclusion

The three questions briefly considered are personal and need a response. Life’s brevity is undeniable! All the riches in the world cannot be compared to the values of one soul. Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh. His death on a Roman cross over 2000 years ago is significant in the 21st century. He died so that sinners can be forgiven and know peace with God, their Maker. Through repentance and faith in Him, God can justly forgive and pardon you from all sin. The only way to Heaven is through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Contrary to many religious teachings of the day, good works, giving to charities, being neighbourly, although commendable, cannot blot out sin to gain a person’s acceptance with God and an entrance into Heaven. ***“The blood of Jesus Christ His (God’s) Son cleanses us from all sin”*** (1John 1:7). Nothing else will do! Are you ready for Heaven?

The Bible gives assurance that, ***“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved”*** (Romans 10:9).