

Week 21

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Everything

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl
Matthew 13:44-46

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure.

When a man finds it he
sells all he has
and buys that field.

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant

who finds a priceless pearl
and sells everything
to buy that pearl.

The contents of this treasure chest

(Romans 5:1-11, 8:1-39, Ephesians 1:3-14)

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The essence of this priceless pearl (Romans 8:38-39)

Why sell everything?

1. The treasure is worth it (Matthew 16:26).
2. Partial payments aren't enough
(Matthew 10:37-39, Romans 12:1-2).
3. Relinquishment of our treasure means freedom
(1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19).

Life as a caretaker-steward (Matthew 25:14-30, 2 Timothy 6:20)

Life as an heir to God's kingdom
(Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29-4:7)

Other resources:

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*