

“The Value of the Soul”

Mark 8:36-37

Introduction

- I. It seems that many have placed more value on the physical body than they have of the immortal soul.
- II. Sadly, many have decided that this life is of greater importance than the one to come (Heb. 11:25; John 3:36).
- III. Let us examine two perspectives in regard to the value of the soul.
 - A. How does God value the soul?
 - B. How do we value the soul?

Discussion

- I. How does God value the soul (Luke 15:3-10)?
 - A. Ultimately, God valued the soul highly, for it is He that gave man a soul (Gen. 2:7; Eccl. 12:7; Heb. 12:9).
 - B. To determine the value of a given thing, one needs only to identify what one is willing to give for something.
 - C. What was God willing to give for the souls of men (1 Cor. 6:20; Acts 20:28).
- II. How do we value the soul?
 - A. We must come to the understanding that there is nothing that we possess of this world that is more valuable than our souls (Mark 8:36-37).
 - B. If we are not careful, then we will become so busy with the things of this world that we forget what is more important (Luke 10:38-42).
 - C. When we allow the things of this world to take precedence, we cannot “...bring fruit to perfection” (Luke 8:14).
 - D. Even if we were “to gain the whole world”, physical life will end (James 4:13-16).

Conclusion

- I. Man should be more focused on that which is not seen (2 Cor. 4:16-18).
- II. Salvation will be worth it (Luke 16:19-23)!