"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me to make for Him." \_ C. 7. Studd

#### Pray for faith to confess Christ.

"Let us all pray daily for faith and courage to confess Christ before men. Of sin, or worldliness, or unbelief, we may well be ashamed. We ought never to be ashamed of Him who died for us on the cross. In spite of laughter, mockery, and hard words, let us boldly avow that we serve Christ. Let us often look forward to the day of His second coming, and remember what He says in this place. Better a thousand times confess Christ now, and be despised by man, than be disowned by Christ before His Father in the day of judgment."

J.C. Ryle

The Lord Jesus Christ invites all men to be saved from sin and to be sure of heaven.

"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.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Romans 10:9-13

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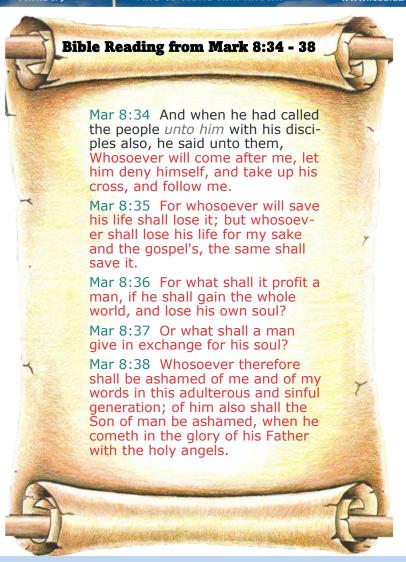
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# LET THE BIBLE SPEAK TO YOUR HEART



#### **An Undervalued Soul**

There is no earthly way to put a value upon your soul. The Bible records in Mark's gospel that the Lord Jesus asked the timeless question, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul" (Mark 8:36)?

This high value of your soul calls you to cease building your life on this world. Your soul is eternal; the world is temporary. Your soul will never die; this world will pass away. The Bible is very clear that the world's clock is ticking. The Father has set the hour when His Son shall come again into the world. Then, He will judge every soul and destroy this world by the power of His glory.

How foolish then, for men and women to exhaust themselves to gain more and more of this world. Multitudes of men and women risk their health and their very lives for the littlest bit of this world's riches. They feel that the only way they will be content is to possess a larger slice of this world. Not one man or woman on Forbes's list of richest people in the world are satisfied that they have enough. They cry out, give me more of this world.

Because your soul is eternal, no earthly value can be put upon it. Your soul will live beyond the timeframe of this world. When your clay body is laid to rest in the grave, your soul will not be dead. You will live on for all eternity.

In this account, the Lord has warned that all the money, all the gold and all the silver in this world cannot buy you eternal life, nor deliver your soul from a lost eternity in hell. Peter stated, "...Ye are not redeemed by corruptible things such as silver and gold... But with the precious blood of Christ..." (1Peter1:18-19). The Bible is clear that the Lord Jesus alone has the power to save your soul.

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It was for precious never-dying souls that the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, came from heaven to earth. His very name, "Jesus", means Saviour. He became God incarnate, when He took our human nature into union with his Godhood. He became God and Man in one person by a supernatural conception in Mary's womb.

The Lord's supernatural birth led to His supernatural life. He fed the hungry thousands from a boy's lunch. He healed every sick person who ever came to Him. He raised Lazarus from the dead. He raised Jairus' daughter and the Roman Centurion's son from the dead. Nicodemus, a Pharisee, rightly concluded, "For no man doeth thee miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2).

It was for precious never-dying souls that our Lord Jesus suffered and died on the cross of Calvary. When He voluntarily offered up Himself unto death as a sacrifice for sin, the Lord was on a mission to save souls. He took their place on the cross to shed His blood as an atoning sacrifice to free souls from the guilt of sin. Knowing that "the wages of sin wages is death" (Romans 6:23), He offered up His life to save sinners from eternal death.

Christians, therefore, trust in Christ as their Lord and Saviour to save their souls. They trust in Him for complete salvation. A Christian no longer places his or her future hope in the material things or fleshly pleasures of this world. From these verses in Mark's gospel we learn that Christians are willing to deny themselves of this world, no matter the personal cost. Their hope for full salvation is in the death of Christ, and nothing else.

Christians know that in eternity they will have Christ as their Saviour, and dwell in the blessedness of God Himself. For all these reasons Christians freely choose Christ over the world, even when they must deny themselves of worldly gain. You too must see to it that your soul is saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. All the riches of this world cannot save your soul, but the Lord Jesus can, for He is rich in grace, rich in mercy and full of power to save sinners from death and hell. Call on the Lord Jesus Christ today asking Him to give you eternal life. That will give true value to your soul and work for your eternal gain.

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