GREAT LOVE XXXIX

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: **46** Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Matt 13:45-46 (KJV)

As I speak of the pearl of great price today I am not speaking of something worldly and vain but rather something that is desired for eternal reward. Many a person has spent their life and fortune seeking after an empty dream. This one has sought worldly fame while another has sought treasure and yet someone else has desired knowledge but these things are not worth spending a life for. The one real pearl of great price is actually a life that was spent for you. This life was lived without sin and yet was given for sinners. It carried the sin of every man to a criminal’s cross and put the sin to death on that cross. What love was demonstrated through the life and death of that one person!!!

The pearl of great price was Jesus Christ loving us with unconditional love. He loved us while we were yet sinners. Many people today will love someone until they do them wrong and then that one wrong stops the love. Others love someone and may give him or her three strikes and their out. Christ has loved us when we did nothing to deserve his love. When there was no good in us he loved us. He has loved us unconditionally. There is no way to put a price on the love wherewith he has loved us.

The pearl of great price was Christ loving us with a boundless love. I must say that I have borrowed the term from a song our choir sings. His love cannot be bound by distance. The song says that it reaches down and touches me. It can neither be bound by severity. No matter how bad I am steeped in sin his love is able to cleanse me and make me whole. It will not be limited by the number of sins I have committed. Even if I am a habitual sinner and am absolutely addicted to sin, his love can deliver me.

Our pearl of great price is the love of God through his Son Jesus that never ends. How sad it is for me to hear a husband say of his wife “I do not love her anymore.” It breaks my heart to hear a wife say “I just fell out of love with him.” Those words will never be said of Christ about us. Oh Praise God! His love never ends. What a pearl of GREAT price we have!!!

Yours in Christ,

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