

## HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

### 2 Cor. 5:17 ff

"Therefore" means that something going on before brings to a conclusion.

"IF" - in Christ.. a fact, not a wish. IF not in Christ...not a fact.

"If in Christ - no condemnation...but if not in Christ - what? (1 Cor. 15:21,22)..

**Either one is in Adam.....or in Christ.....(everyone)**

### If in Adam:

- All die (Ro. 5:12) - no exception - are all dead.
- Adam's nature: God created man to be indwelt by God (Gen.) in His (our) own image.  
Not physical, but the invisible likeness and by God indwelling Adam.
- Illustration: light bulbs need electricity (the cause for light) the bulb is the vehicle.
  - Man is the vehicle in which the invisible God dwells.
- Satan caused Adam to believe he didn't need God (lamp without electricity) he could be god.
  - Ever try to talk a lamp into believing it didn't need electricity to glow?
- Man gave up what he was created to be/do. It takes God for a man to be as he was created to be.

**It takes Christ to be a Christian. Christ puts God back into a person.**

Ro. 5:6 - Christ died for the ungod-like. So that those ungod-like could be god-like

**God's purpose in redemption is to restore man to be how God intended him to be.**

Eph. 4:18 - Man is spiritually separated from God (in Adam) but is physically, soulishly, but is dead spiritually.

**In Adam** man is spiritually devoid of any divineness or likeness of God in any way.

- Adam's soul was invaded by a spirit alien to God. His body was alright, but an evil sin principle invaded the body - instead of the divineness of God.
  - The body became an instrument of evil, of sin, of the devil.
  - Eph2:1 - "made alive from the dead" - by spiritual regeneration (rebirth)
  - By nature, children of wrath - following evil - thus a sinful nature.
  - Ro. 7:15-16 - "paraphrase" - not me, but the sin principle inside.
  - **God created man to be intra-led by God, for God.**
- If nothing happens, man will die as he was born - spiritually dead - a "man" in ADAM.
  - Unless God by God's terms restores man back to being the temple of the living God.
  - 1 Cor. 15:21 - By one man (Adam) came death. By Christ (2nd man) all in Him shall be made alive.
  - v. 45 - Jesus is the last Adam.
  - v.47 - Only two men on earth have functioned as man started - Adam. He was all God wanted or expected. (describe the creation and fellowship with God)..but Adam died.
    - Only one other ever fulfilled the purpose man was made for - He took the form and fashion of a man (describe Jesus' birth, childhood, life, etc). He lived and demonstrated divine living (God in me) - the image of God (Father). Jesus gave God the Father all honor.
  - Jesus came to be the second man. The man God created mankind to be as man was/is expected to function. Jesus was the EXAMPLE of how every man should be. For 33 years Jesus demonstrated how all are to be.

## WHY?

2 Cor. 5:14 - If one died for one, then are we all dead. But Jesus died for **all**. In Adam **all** died. In Christ **all** can be alive.

- Jesus Christ came to raise dead men from death - we were born dead (spiritually).
- The Gospel is an invitation to dead men to live.
  - Spiritual generation is regeneration - raised from the dead.
- **Jesus killed death!**
- A Christian is a resurrected person. Jesus came to give abundant life - In Him was light - He that hath the son hath life.
- What then should be seen? - the glory - the restored image - God likeness.

## II.

- 2 Cor. 5:15 - All were dead but by believing the truth, one has stepped back into life.
- Ro. 8:1 - An entirely new principle of behavior - judgment already passed on to Jesus - To walk after the spirit of God (Jesus) - Jesus is in control of the life.
  - :"To live is Christ."
- God sent the second man so we (the dead) could be restored as we were created for. Our only hope is Christ in us.
- The Gospel - repurchased by God for His complete use (not to escape hell and get to heaven) but are to live exclusively to and for Jesus Christ.
- 2 Cor. 5:16 - "Know we no more"
- **The true worth of a man: How much of Christ is revealed in that person.**
  - Not measured by man's judgments but how much of Christ is seen in the person.
    - Not money, property, degrees, influence, popularity, etc.
  - **A redeemed person is worth what Christ has done for his/her life.**

## SO - HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

- How much was Jesus worth? Take a look at His human life:
  - His family - home - wealth - life style - death - burial (all poor)
- Knowing this, would you have been a follower of Jesus?
- How man churches would want Jesus as pastor?
- How much approval would Jesus have today or in human judgments/standards?
- Paul had a human evaluation of Jesus until he met Him - then he saw all of God in the face of Jesus Christ. He saw the true worth of Christ.

## HOW MUCH IS A MAN WORTH? How much of God can be seen....