

Hello my dear brothers and sisters,

It is with great joy that I read the thoughts of our dear brothers Derek and Terry.

Actually, the two verses in Matthew hold a greater lesson for us to learn.

According to the quality, there is a variation of the pearls. Some of greater quality and others of the inferior quality.

The trader having identified the pearls of superior quality decided to sell all his possession and bought the pearl.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his life for us. For he did not belong to himself, he belonged to God. He owned nothing. In His teachings, he reminded his disciples that foxes had holes, but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head.

So the only possession he could sell to obtain the precious pearl was giving his life. Dying for his flock! He was not a shepherd who was salaried. Since the shepherd who receive wages could see the wolves coming, and then flee leaving the flock behind. Being a true shepherd, he gave his life for us. A true pearl diver!!!

We can only prove our worth by obeying God's word, which we are reminded that it is like a double edged sword. Discerning out own ways to see if we are leading a righteous life, asking for forgiveness always and showing compassion to others.

In summary, I would request all of us to read Colosians 3:5-17.

*“5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”*

*Ephesians 6:10-18. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the [b]wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and*

*supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—"*

If we fit well in those verses, then we shall be the superior pearl that Christ will be well pleased with.

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