

“He is Worth Exalting, Because of ... What He Gave Up”

I. Who He Is
II. What He Gave Up...
III. What He Accomplished
IV. What He has Given
V. What He Promises

II. What He Gave Up

A. Security

B. Riches

Mark 10:21-22

2 Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

C. Status

Q: WSC #27 *Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?*

A: *Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.*

1) Birth [*being born, and that in a low condition*]

2) Identity

John 1:45-46 ... *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"*

Mark 1:24; Luke 18:37; Matthew 26:71; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:19-20; John 18:5-6; John 19:19

Acts 22:8 *'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'*

3) Limitations of Human Body [*undergoing the miseries of this life*]

4) Wrath of God [*the wrath of God*]

Isaiah 13:9-11

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

5) Death on Cross [*and the cursed death of the cross*]

D. Relationship

Matthew 26:38-39

So why did Christ give up Relationship, Status, Riches, Stability?

Romans 15:8-9 _____.

So what should our main motivation be? _____ [Is 43:6]

“What you treasure is accurately measured by voluntarily relinquishing your choicest pleasure”

Mark 10:21-22 *And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

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"Some wish to live within the sound of Church or Chapel bell; I want to run a Rescue Shop within a yard of hell."—C. T. Studd

Luke 2:7 *And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

John 1:45-46 *Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"*

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Matthew 4:13-16 *And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles- ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."*

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"Shame is closely related to guilt, but there is a key qualitative difference. No audience is needed for feelings of guilt, no one else need know, for the guilty person is his own judge. Not so for shame. The humiliation of shame requires disapproval or ridicule by others." Paul Ekman

John 17:4-5 *I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

Matthew 26:38-39 *Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."*

Romans 15:8-9 *For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy*