

IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?

*“For what does it benefit a man to gain the whole world yet lose his life?
What can a man give in exchange for his life?” ~ Mark 8:36-37*

Jesus asks his disciples and others who at the time were following Him a couple of questions in these two verses from Mark and in doing so makes a clear distinction between the pursuit of the things of this earth and the pursuit of eternal life. Solomon, known to be incredibly wise, said: *“I have seen all the things that are done under the sun and have found everything to be futile, a pursuit of the wind”* (Ecclesiastes 1:14). That said; even though we are capable of accomplishing many great things in this life, all our efforts are futile in this life “under the sun” if we miss the joy of knowing God and the rewards that last forever in eternity.

From the words of Jesus (from Matthew 7:21-23 and paraphrased for today)
Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord will be with me in eternity! What is required is serious obedience, that of doing the will of my Father. I can see it now – at the Final Judgement many will just show up and say; hey Lord, we did a lot of good things, we went to church on an occasion, even memorized a couple of verses and some will say we gave a few bucks and others will say I gave thousands of dollars to Your work and others will mention of those God-sponsored ‘projects’ they did that had everyone talking! And you know what I am going to say? Is that all you got? You missed the boat! All you did was use me like a spare tire and to make yourselves look important. You don’t impress me one bit. Depart from me, you faker!

This is reality! Jesus stood out for a reason ...He was the Son of God and without sin, He came to this earth to make it possible for men to be redeemed to His Father. Through Him we are made righteous. Righteousness is received, not achieved! And for those who have honestly put their trust in this redemption made possible through faith in Christ – it will be obvious! Those who have truly put their faith in Christ, walk with Him and in doing so live radically different than the cultural norm. A difference that others can’t help but notice!

What about you?