

## What Is Your Soul Worth?

By Al Behel

Recently, a man commented to me, "I have made more money this year than in any other year of my life and all I have to show for it is a broken marriage." He would have given everything he acquired to have had a stable, loving marriage. Another woman who had left her husband for another man to only be quickly left by him, took her own life in a hotel room. She left a note which said, "don't cry for me, I'm not even human anymore."

Strangely, when we look back at our accomplishments, mistakes, and losses, we must realize that none of those really define us. When God made us in His image, He separated us from all other parts of His creation. Evolution has robbed many of their sense of being in God's image. Instead, they think we are nothing more than animals since we just evolved from lower forms of animal life. When God created us in His image He placed a living soul inside us, a soul that would live eternally. Like God, we can never cease to exist. He placed intellect and will inside us. He gave us choices. As His image bearers, we are separated from the animals around us who will cease to live at their death. Yet, we will not cease when our souls depart our bodies.

Since we have eternal souls within us that will live eternally, either in heaven with God, or with Satan in hell, what is that soul worth? Jesus asked the poignant question, "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?" Clearly the human soul is worth more than all the wealth our world can afford. That prompts a thoughtful question for us, "What is the priority of my life?" Or "Am I willing to sacrifice my soul for anything?" Your soul has a divine origin and is worth the life of God's own Son. You were made in His image and your call is to walk in that image and portray it to the world around us.

*So, God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God created he him;  
male and female created he them.*

Genesis 1:27



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Christian Soup for the Chicken Soul**

Arthur is preaching today.

**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the building (or join us on Zoom), 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew. Come at 6 and bring something to eat with us before the lesson if you like.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday):** October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> here at the building.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Chapter 1, Day 2
- ❖ Second **Annual National Door-knocking Day** for Heart to Heart, Home to Home NEXT SATURDAY October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing-** October 31<sup>st</sup>. Where: TBA



- **Today is Bring-a-Friend Sunday! Be sure to stay after worship for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday potluck meal as well!**
- We have 50 MAGI boxes! In each box is a list of items that should be included. We also have paper lists of what can be put in these boxes before the **deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Our boxes will be heading to children in Honduras via the church there. We might even decide to do 50 more before the deadline if we do a good job with these. We need to decide which age group we are concentrating on and do half for boys and half for girls. Age groups are printed on the boxes.

## PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Afghanistan as there is turmoil while the Taliban takes control of the country. Some Americans as well as many Afghans who fought with us are still trapped there.**
- Pray for **Jackie**. She is dealing with edema of the legs and feet. She also has congestive heart failure. Pray for Darlene as she cares for her and pray that Jackie can make a wise decision about whether to continue staying at Darlene's or to keep her apartment on Keystone.
- **Miki's cousin by marriage, Steve Noble**, needs a lung transplant. Please pray for him and his wife Donna.
- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer), **Dan Myers** (several health concerns), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's).
- **Bob Wilkinson** is recovering from injuries sustained when a tree fell on him. His friend **Richard Parish** from the Deli on Keystone is in the hospital on a ventilator from Covid.
- **Greg Raffa**, a Navy friend of the Barry's from CA is in the hospital with Covid with complications from diabetes.
- **Pray for Robin Barry** as he leaves for Lake Charles, LA on Friday to start a new job. He will be leaving his family behind in Alaska for the time being until they sell the house and finish the home school semester.
- Pray for our **MAGI box project**.
- Pray for a successful **Bring-a-Friend Sunday** today.
- **Pray for our new ladies Bible class on Tuesday.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barnecat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barnecat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.