

“THE GREATEST LOSS OF A MAN”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Mark 8:37

‘...OR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?’

The Greek word is "psuche", and at times it may refer to:

- 1) The person - ("eight souls saved by water")
- 2) Life itself - ("lay down your life")
- 3) Something distinguished from the spirit – ("soul and spirit")
- 4) Something distinguished from the body - ("spirit and soul and body")

Laying the soul in a balance, and the world in the other, does the soul out-weigh the world?

Is the value comparable?

That the loss of the soul is the greatest loss; a loss that can never be repaired or regained.

Note:

Sometimes Soul and Spirit are interchangeable.

By soul we understand the noble part of man, as distinct from the body,

By it we mean we can understand, imagine, reason, and speak.

The body is but a poor empty vessel, without the greater part called the soul.

James 2:26

‘The body without the spirit,’ or soul, ‘is dead’

By the Soul is meant:

1- There is the understanding. Apprehending things/discerning things.

Pr. 20:27

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly

2- The conscience is the Throne of Judgment, so by the conscience the evil or good of such things are tried; **Bunyan**

The conscience may deem you guilty but you can be **“preserved blameless”**. **1 Thess. 5**

3- Also, is the imagination. You may be happy/sad or pleased or scared.

4- There is the memory too.

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5- There are the affections or will. “seek the things above; set your affections upon them,” Col. 3

Gen 1:26, 27

‘And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.—
So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him’

Note:

We all experience differing degrees of relationships.

Some are:

Love/Hate – Passionate – Coldness or Indifferent.

It cannot be guaranteed that someone will have your best interest at heart.

The scriptures give us warnings about that.

Ps. 142:4

I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

The cost to redeem it is: The blood of Jesus!

-1Peter 1: 18-19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: