

I. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

1. The kingdom of heaven is compared to treasure hidden in a field ([Mt. 13:44](#)).
 - a. It was not uncommon for treasure to be hidden ([Mt. 25:18](#), [24-25](#)).
2. By chance a man found the treasure and joyously did what was necessary to obtain it.
 - a. when...hath found (*heurisko* G2147 verb) “without previous search, to find (by chance)” (Thayer, Joseph Henry. A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Being Grimm’s Wilke’s Clavis Novi Testamenti, Harper & Brothers., 1889, p. 261).
 - b. Time and chance happen to us all ([Ecc. 9:11](#)).
 - c. This could still happen today as one who is not concerned with his soul by chance may hear the truth and be moved to obey it.
 - d. This is even more reason for us to be active in spreading the gospel so more exposure to it is possible!

II. The Explanation

1. The **value** of the kingdom of heaven is emphasized in this parable.
2. Treasure indicates anything that is precious, of great worth or wealth, or valuable.
 - a. The church was valuable enough that Christ died for her to purchase her ([Eph. 5:25](#); [Ac. 20:28](#)).
 - b. How we value the church will be seen in what we give to be a part of it.
 - c. The value of the church is seen in our actions.
 - d. The denominational world devalues the church by claiming it is not essential for salvation.
3. It took action on the part of the man to obtain the treasure ([Ac. 2:40](#); [Php. 2:12](#)).
 - a. God has done His part by bringing in the kingdom of heaven, but this does not negate our part in obtaining it.

III. The Application

1. The kingdom of heaven is worth more than anything worldly.
 - a. Hence the highest priority must be given to it ([Mt. 6:33](#)).

- b. The carnal mind wrestles with this ([Rm. 8:5-9](#); cf. [1 Cor. 3:1ff](#); [Mt. 6:24](#)).
 - c. What is the value of a single soul? It is worth **more** than all the world ([Mt. 16:24-28](#))!
 - d. All spiritual blessings are found in Christ ([Eph. 1:3](#)).
 - i. Thus, we must be in Christ which action adds one to the church ([Gal. 3:26-27](#); [Rm. 6:3-4](#); [Ac. 2:41](#), [47](#)).
 - e. Consider what Paul was willing to give up to gain Christ ([Php. 3:1-14](#)).
 - f. We gain far more than we give up ([Mt. 19:27-29](#)).
 - g. The church provides riches in Christ which hold their value ([1 Tim. 4:8](#); [2 Tim. 4:6-8](#)).
2. The kingdom of heaven should produce joy when found.
- a. In some it does the opposite ([Mt. 19:16-22](#)).
 - b. Similar actions required with two different reactions.