

## What Good Will It Be for Someone to Gain the Whole World, Yet Forfeit Their Soul?

### Main Bible Verse:

(Matthew 16:26) What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

### Summary:

#### **Matthew 16:17-19**

- Jesus taught Peter, He will build His church on the Rock.
  - Jesus bestows the Kingdom authority to His churches. The authority that whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
- Jesus gave the key of the kingdom of heaven to His churches.
  - The key of the kingdom of heaven is great kingdom authority.
  - The only place we may receive the key is through His churches.
    - We must not stop attend church meetings.
    - We must not treat church meetings carelessly.
    - The angels are taking attendance.
    - We must not let our worldly affairs hinder us from going to church.
    - If you have an essential trip, attend the meetings at local churches.
    - Put going to church and meeting God as our top priority.

#### **I Corinthians 16:22 | Matthew 16:24-28**

- Paul taught us, “If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord!”
  - This is about the importance of attending church meetings and receive the key of the kingdom of heaven.
  - Do not busy ourselves pursuing worldly affairs and lose the precious life Jesus has redeemed for us.
- Jesus taught us, “What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”
  - No one could gain the whole world.
  - Even if they could, it is not worth to lose their soul over it.
    - No one could earn or exchange their own salvation, or their own life.
    - Salvation is only through the redemption of Jesus’ blood.

#### **Luke 23:34**

- The first thing Jesus said on the cross was, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”
- We must not treat coming to church lightly, instead, we must come and learn to receive life.
  - The life of Jesus is denying ourselves, take up the cross, and follow Him.
  - Denying ourselves is letting go of our own feelings, thoughts, logics, and following only the instruction of God.
- Jesus showed us the example on the cross.
  - He was crucified to pardon our sins.
  - He was crucified to redeem our lives.
- The reason we come to church:
  - To meet God.
  - To learn to deny ourselves, take up the cross and enter into the life of Christ.

- This is how we may receive the key of the kingdom of heaven.

**Luke 16:19-31**

- An example of not to forfeit our soul and gain the world.
  - The rich man died and was suffering in burning hell. On the other hand, the beggar Lazarus who longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table, was in Abraham's arms in heaven.
  - Do not pursue the worldly materials and lose sight of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing worth more than our lives that was redeemed by Jesus. Always put coming to church to meet God as our top priority.
- Life is coming to church to receive the key of the kingdom of heaven.
  - It is the responsibilities of the churches to help God's people receive the key of the kingdom of heaven.
  - Church is a place where God's authority reigns.
    - Life is to receive God's healing and instruction, and to be empowered, helped and set-free by God.
- Wherever we go or whatever we do, we must first receive the key of the kingdom of heaven.
  - The key of the kingdom of heaven is the key to our success in health, marriage, business, and everything we do.