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# The Great Exchange

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What profit is it to a man if he gains the  
whole world and loses his own soul?

Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

*- Matthew 16:26*

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We need frankly to face ourselves at this point. We are, perhaps, orthodox evangelicals. We can state the gospel clearly; we can smell unsound doctrine a mile away. If asked how one may know God, we can at once produce the right formula. ... Yet the gaiety, goodness, and unfetteredness of spirit which are the marks of those who have known God are rare among us. ... A little knowledge of God is worth more than a great deal of knowledge *about* Him.

- J. I. Packer

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  - E. The glory of Christ is gain (11)

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Most who read these pages, I suspect, will not be greatly tempted to boast about their Jewish ancestry and ancient rights of race and religious heritage. But we may be tempted to brag about still less important things: our wealth, our status, our education, our emotional stability, our families, our political or business successes, our denominational alignments, or even about which version of the Bible we use. Be careful of people like that. They tend to regard everyone who is outside their little group as somehow inferior.

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Somewhere along the way they inadvertently - or even intentionally and maliciously - imagine that faith in Christ Jesus and delight in him is a little less important than their personal accomplishments. Instead, look around for those whose constant confidence is Jesus Christ, whose constant boast is Jesus Christ, whose constant delight is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the center of their worship, the center of their hope. ... Emulate those whose constant confidence and boast is in Christ Jesus and in nothing else.

*- D. A. Carson*



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