

Parables 3: Treasures

The value of Jesus Christ is infinitely greater than the cost of discipleship

Matthew 13:44-53

- I. Introduction: Stuff that different kinds of people value

- II. Two treasure parables (44-46)
 - The parable of the buried treasure
 - The parable of the pearl of great price
 - Who's the pearl?
 - Observations, application and lessons from these two parables
 - God saves atheists as well as seekers
 - Joy comes before commitment and discovery before decisions
 - The more highly you value something, the more vehemently you will pursue it

- III. The parable of the dragnet (47-50)
 - Similar the parable of the weeds – shows the mixed nature of the church
 - A call to repent and believe before the final judgment

- IV. The parable of the master of the house (51-53)
 - Jesus and Matthew teach others using old and new treasures
 - All trained disciples have a responsibility to teach others

- V. Some old and new treasures to convince you of the surpassing value of Christ