

Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

January 22, 2023 Big Idea: Jesus Is Our Treasure

Phase 1: How did Jesus become our treasure?

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil. (Isaiah 1:5-6)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship n through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding... (Ephesians 1:3-8)

...in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. – (Colossians 2:2-3)

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

Phase 2: How does our Treasure impact us?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Promises of God:

- Isaiah 41:10/2 Corinthians 12:9-10: Do not fear, God will strengthen you
- Isaiah 26:3/John 16:33/Philippians 4:6-9: Perfect peace
- Psalm 37:23-24: Firm steps with God
- Matthew 11:28-29: He will give you rest
- 1 Peter 2:24: Healed you from sin
- 1 Peter 2:9: You are a chosen people
- Ps 136: His love endures forever
- Deuteronomy 31:8: He will never leave nor forsake you
- 1 John 1:9: Forgiveness
- 2 Corinthians 6:18: Child of God
- Matthew 28:20: He is with you forever

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, LORD; do not let me be put to shame. I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding. (Psalm 119:30-32)

Phase 3: How does our Treasure direct you?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. (Matthew 22:37-39)

שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יהוה אֱלֹהָינוּ יהוה אֶחָד: וָאַהַבְתַּ אֵת יהוה אֱלֹהֵיךְ בְּכַל־לְבַבְדְּ וּבַכַל־נַפְשָׁךְ וּבַכַל־מַאֹדַךְ: I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

(Colossians 2:1-5)