

Your Soul

TEXT: **Matt. 16:25-26**

INTRODUCTION:

A. OUR TEXT EMPHASIZES THE VALUE OF THE SOUL – NO PRICE IS ENOUGH!

B. WHAT IS IT?

1. Soul, **psuchee**, breath - the breath of life; the vital force which animates the body and shows itself in breathing ... the soul ... as an essence which differs from the body and is not dissolved by death **Matt 10:28** (Thayer).
2. **Matt. 10:28**. "soul" here of the eternal spirit, not just life in the body. (Robertson).
3. God and Jesus have souls (**Matt. 12:18**; **Acts 2:27**).
4. The soul is us, contained in an earth-suit called the body (**2 Cor. 5:1-4**).

C. WHO CARES MOST ABOUT OUR SOULS?

I. GOD.

A. HE CREATED US AND OUR SOULS (**Gen. 1:26**; **2:7**).

B. HE MADE US SPECIAL (**Gen. 1:26-28**; **Psa. 8:4-6**).

C. GOD'S DILEMMA:

1. God's just character demands justice for the sinner (**Rom. 6:23**; **Ezek. 18:4**).
2. But God loves us (**1 John 4:7-8, 19**).
3. So God wants none to perish (**1 Tim. 2:3-4**; **2 Pet. 3:9**).

D. GOD'S SOLUTION (**John 3:16**; **Rom. 5:8**).

II. JESUS.

A. JESUS WAS NOT FORCED TO COME (**Phil. 2:5-8**).

B. HE HAD THE CHOICE TO DIE OR LIVE (**John 10:14-18**; **Matt. 26:53**).

C. WHY DID HE CHOOSE DEATH? (**John 15:13**).

D. HOW GREAT WAS HIS LOVE? (**Eph. 3:19**).

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (**John 16:8**).

1. Inspired the Apostles and prophets in revealing the Truth (**Eph. 3:5**).
2. Confirmed the word by the miracles (**Heb. 2:3-4**).

B. THE FINISHED PRODUCT (**Rom. 1:16-17**).

C. HE INTERCEDES (**Rom. 8:26-27**).

D. HE INVITES (**Rev. 22:17**).

IV. THE APOSTLES.

A. LIVES OF SELF-DENIAL AND SHAMEFUL TREATMENT.

1. Paul gave up what we take for granted (**Phil. 3:4, 7**; **1 Cor. 9:5-7**).
2. He suffered what we can't imagine (**1 Cor. 4:9-13**; **2 Cor. 4:7-12**; **11:23-27**).

B. WHAT WAS HIS CONCERN (**2 Cor. 11:28**; **1 Cor. 9:23**; **2 Cor. 12:15**).

C. TYPICAL OF THE OTHERS, HE HAD NO REGRETS (**2 Tim. 1:12**).

V. THE CHURCH.

A. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH (**1 Tim. 3:15**; **1 Thess. 1:8**).

B. SUPPORTING TEACHERS IS THE MEANS (**Phil. 1:3-5**).

C. THE END SOUGHT (**James 5:19-20**).

D. THE BRIDE JOINS WITH THE SPIRIT TO INVITE (**Rev. 22:17**).

VI. THE DEVIL.

- A. A LIAR AND ACCUSER OF GOD AND MEN (**John 8:44; Gen. 3:4; Rev. 12:10**).
- B. HE IS A SNEAK (**2 Cor. 11:3**).
- C. HOW MUCH DOES HE WANT YOUR SOUL? (**1 Pet. 5:8**).

HE WANTS YOU WORSE THAN DEAD!

CONCLUSION:

- A. YOU ARE THE ONE TO FINALLY DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SOUL.
- B. WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR SOUL?
- C. COULD IT BE THAT SATAN HAS MORE CONCERN FOR YOUR SOUL THAN YOU?
- D. THOSE WHO LOVE YOU HAVE DONE ALL THEY CAN. IT'S UP TO YOU!