



*“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, That I May Win Christ.” *Philippians 3:7-8 KJV**

We all work for things we desire; love, money, possessions, and pleasure are but a few. However, these are all temporal and fleeting and must be sought again and again. Believers have been given a far more Precious Gift of eternal Weight and Glory: An eternal Relationship of Adoption in Christ. What is that drives your daily endeavors? Is it the pursuit of things temporal or things eternal? *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves Treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and Eternal Weight of Glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are Eternal.”* What exactly are the treasures of Heaven? In a word; Christ. If I have Him, I have all, because *“in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead, bodily. He is before ALL things and by Him ALL things consist.”* Whatever it is I may desire; it ALL is found in Christ! The sooner we grasp this concept, the sooner we will have the desires of our heart. *“Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* We can grasp for what is in God’s Hand or we can grasp for His Hand! Don’t reach for the gold ring; reach for the Hand that wears it!

Each day we run a weary race,
It seems a never ending pace,
But if we run inspired by Grace,
At last we will behold His Face! –CGP

We do what we do for who we love; be it self or another, but the only reward a lover truly seeks is the pleasure of their beloved. So the question remains; who is your beloved? If you wish to keep your loved ones at your side forever, lead them to Christ by your own love for Him manifested by cheerful obedience to His Word. They will follow your Light if you let Him shine through faith. Show them He is Worthy. *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy Pleasure they are and were created.”* We were created to give God pleasure! *“We love Him, because He first Loved us.”* Faith is the Lever of His Love.

*“Now faith is the substance of things Hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By Faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without Faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” *Hebrews 11:1, 5-6 KJV**