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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Expense – Part 2

The Overriding Value, Benefit, Joy and Expense
of Christ's Gift of Eternal Life and The Forgiveness of Our Sins.

It was a bone-chilling December 24th. in London - 1918,

The Great War, WW1, had just ended and all of Europe was now busy counting and burying its dead. There is, however, an account of a young British soldier, who being presumed to have been KIA, left behind his Sarah, a beautiful young woman that he was engaged to marry. Charlie had written her letters as often as he could and indeed it was frequent. Sadly, and suddenly the letters stopped and now with the war having ended and things settling back into some resemblance of normal, the long-awaited return of Charlie seemed to fade by the day – reluctantly, Sarah resigned herself to the fact that she would never see him again. Lovesick, empty, and lonely – she assumed a life without him and so lived each day at a time. Some months later, on a sunny Sunday morning in the middle of June 1919, Sarah lay in her bed awake but dreamy about what her future, their future, would have been like had Charlie lived to return.

Then the thought entered her mind – she remembered that she had in her wardrobe her wedding gown still perfectly put away for that day that had never come. With great grief filling her heart but a greater curiosity, Sarah got up to try on her wedding gown and to stand before the full-length mirror just one more time. As she gazed into the mirror, her imagination opened the door to see her Charlie dancing, talking, and holding her like before – but this time so tight, so close, as if to never let her go again. Suddenly but unbeknownst to Sarah, there was a knock at the door downstairs. Sarah not having heard the knock, - - her mother did and opened the door to see who was there. There stood Charlie in his full military uniform. He said only three words, “Is she here?” and with that Sarah’s mum stood aside as Charlie ascended the stairs. Charlie, now standing at her bedroom door, noticed that the door was ajar, so he peeked inside and to his unbelieving eyes, saw Sarah standing before the mirror fully dressed in her wedding gown and talking and swaying as if Charlie had been there in her arms all along. With tears filling Charlie’s eyes and excitement overwhelming his heart – he leaned a bit too hard on her bedroom door, sending out a creak!

He, expecting her to be startled, was surprised by Sarah’s calm response to the sound of the door - - she opened her eyes and saw Charlie’s **reflection in the mirror** and when she did, she softly said... “O Charlie.” But as she looked at him a little longer, she, with a most curious and questioning voice, said “Charlie?” Then turning around to see him – she saw him face to face - - and with that, she jumped into his arms shouting “CHARLIE!!”

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Scholars, to this day, debate the meaning of this verse.

Note this: they do not debate its authority or its biblical relevance – they do not even debate the questioning of it - - they debate “The Magnitude of its Fulfillment”

Just How Awesome Will It Be When Jesus Christ Shows Himself to Again – This is the Debate.

“What a Great Issue to Debate. Not “if” God is Awesome, but “how” Awesome is God, How awesome can He be?

The Expense

1.) There's the expense of how much did it cost?

2.) There is the expense of who's going to pay for it

3.) There is the expense of getting it delivered

4.) There is the expense of will it be the right fit?

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5.) There is the expense of how long will it last?

Luke 1:30-33

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

What will be the attributes of His everlasting kingdom?

An age-abiding life. Perfect Health. Joy, Happiness, Holiness,
Forever Relationships, Eating.....

John 6:51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;

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6.) There is the expense of what becomes of it

The Gift of Heaven, Eternity is Secure.
Is not nor can be ever under threat or in peril.

What Will Become of Eternity?

That literally means “the forever.” It is the unfolding of time – the never ending, successive, on-going...

Matthew 6:19-20

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Revelation 22:12-15

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” :14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are **dogs** (beast-like people) and **sorcerers** (pharma’kos – dark arts) and **sexually immoral** (pornos) and **murderers** and **idolaters** (hired worshippers), and whoever loves and practices a **lie**. (deceive, influence, trick,)

Heaven, your home safely awaits you.

John 6:39 NIV

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

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7.) There is the expense of someone refusing the gift

Mark 10

THE SADDEST ENCOUNTER - THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Mark 10:24

And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “*Children, how hard it is for those who **trust** in riches to enter the kingdom of God!*”

What About The Two Thieves at The Cross

(two men you would not allow on your property, let alone your house)

A Collective Congregational Reading, A Biblical Montage

:1 And the angel to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :2 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :3 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” :4 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying :5 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” :6 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born to be subject to the law. :7 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. :8 And because we, by faith are now his children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, causing us to call out, “Abba, Father.” :9 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life, :10 That life which was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us. :11 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. :12 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. For without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: :13 God was manifested in the flesh, :14 Justified in the Spirit, :15 Seen by angels, :16 Preached among the Gentiles, :17 Believed on in the world, :18 Received up into glory. :19 Therefore whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :20 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :21 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :22 And He Himself is the atonement for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. :23 That when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, :24 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. :25 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. :26 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” :27 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. :28 But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

:29 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,
:30 "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" :31 So then we, as workers together with Christ also plead with you not to receive the gift of God's grace in vain. :32 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

John 1:12 KJV

But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

End of Study

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