

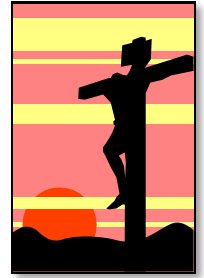
# Southern Maine Church of Christ

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*We love Him,  
because He  
first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

## The Worth of a Soul

**I**n Matthew 16:26, the Lord Jesus Christ asks two profound and penetrating questions: *"For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* These are actually rhetorical questions. Most would agree that there is nothing of greater value than one's own soul and that losing one's soul would represent the ultimate loss.



The psalmist gives us some help in calculating the value of one's soul. *"Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him—for the redemption of their souls is costly"* (Ps 49:6-8).

Only the sinless Son of God, *"who gave Himself a ransom for all"* (1 Timothy 2:6) could pay the price to redeem our souls from the clutches and consequences of sin. *"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross], that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:24-25).

God regards our souls as precious, and has done all He can do to insure that our souls will not be lost for an eternity in Hell (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Of course, we have a part to play in our salvation as well, *"since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth"* (1 Peter 1:22). When we obey the truth of the gospel, we are then made free from sin (because of Christ's sacrifice – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21) and become servants of righteousness (Romans 6:16-18).

The worth of a soul? In God's estimation—priceless! Is it any wonder Solomon said, *"He who wins souls is wise"* (Proverbs 11:30). And James adds, *"Let him know, that he who converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death"* [eternal separation from God] (James 5:20).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

*"But you are a chosen generation,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
His own special people, that you  
may proclaim the praises of Him  
who called you out of darkness  
into His marvelous light!"*

- 1 Peter 2:9 -

## Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 2,258

This Month: 2,258



**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"**

- Acts 16:30 -

**Hear the Gospel** - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

**Believe** [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31  
Heb 11:6

**Repent** of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

**Confess** Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;  
Rom 10:8-10

**Be baptized** - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;  
1 Pet 3:21

**Be faithful** unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

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*"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is  
no other name under heaven given among men  
by which we must be saved."*

- Acts 4:12 -



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Billie Jo (Pat Miller's daughter) - recently hospitalized after suffering a nervous breakdown
- Corona Pandemic - its effect and overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; various health concerns
- Randy Cote - family problems
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Glenda's aunts in California:
  - Beverly* - pacemaker & hip replacement
  - Mary Lou* - kidney failure; now on dialysis
  - Sandra* - recent shoulder surgery
- Erik Grabowski - painful tennis elbow
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on left side of her neck causing pain; also lost her job due to the covid-19 virus
- Connie Henderson - recently diagnosed with a fast-growing ovarian cancer; she will undergo 3 rounds of chemotherapy over the next 12 weeks (the first treatment last Monday went well); this will most likely be followed by major surgery
- Terry Kennedy - healing well from recent right knee replacement surgery
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - stage 4 throat cancer
- Pat Miller - being treated for diverticulitis
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy - at the Gosnell House in Scarborough in severe pain; pain meds being administered intravenously; prayers are needed
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Please pray for our nation - (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

## News & Notes:

- ⇒ Brother Paul Bullock will be at the building on Sunday morning at 10:30 for those few who may desire to worship and partake of the Lord's Supper there.
- ⇒ Taking the Lord's Supper at home is fairly easy. All you need is your Bible, Matzo's (unleavened bread—which can be purchased at the grocery store), and 100% grape juice. If you desire to make your own communion bread, you may contact Betty for the recipe.
- ⇒ Those worshipping at home, can view this week's Sunday sermon by going to our web page at:  
[www.southernmainecofc.com/](http://www.southernmainecofc.com/)  
 Click on "Sermons." There are also other sermons recorded over the past year that are available for you to view.
- ⇒ Sacred Selections, our song book, can be viewed at this website:  
<https://hymnary.org/hymnal/SS4C1956>  
 All songs may not be available for viewing, but many are.
- ⇒ For the contribution, you can "lay by in store" (1 Cor 16:2) each week that which you have "purposed in your heart" to give (2 Cor 9:7) and keep it till we resume meeting again. Or, you could mail it to our church treasurer, Wayne Sampson.
- ⇒ The Kittery church is providing a streaming video for their Sunday service. Just go to their website at: <https://kitterycoc.com/>
- ⇒ Other congregations may be doing something similar. Just check their web pages to find out.

### No Fear For Those Abiding in God

*He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. — Psalm 91:1-3*