



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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To Know Christ...

***"¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."** -Jesus; Matthew 6:19-21*

What is a "treasure"? In the Greek language, it is literally "a place of safe keeping". What do you keep safe in your heart? If you are a good listener, people continually tell you what memories they have kept safe in their hearts that they will "never forget". It is the things or people they talk about most frequently, unless it is something they would want to remain hidden, but their actions can give those away too.

Jesus speaks of two "safe keeping" places: on earth (physical/temporary) or in heaven (spiritual/eternal). It is not possible to rely on both for security. We cannot keep our physical wealth in "a place of safe keeping" on earth! Moths may ruin our fabrics or clothing. Rust may devalue the precious metals or break down the building metals. Thieves can even break in and steal those highly valued items. (Even banks and the stock markets tumble and crash. Houses fires can light & vehicles often fail with time.) There is no such secure place of safe keeping for the material (physical/temporary) things that are valued on earth in our lives. Rusty vehicles? Tattered clothing?

However, what if we entrust our souls to our heavenly Father? In Jesus is the place of safe keeping for our souls. All who are immersed into Christ have been clothed with Christ, and moths cannot destroy Christ. (Galatians 3:27) No thieves will break into heaven either! We have nothing more valuable of all our possessions than our soul. Since God the Father & the Son are both dwelling in heaven, THEY are our place of safe keeping and THEY are our TREASURE! And where our treasure is, there our HEART will be also. Our soul will not be destroyed, stolen,

or corrupted by moths nor rust. Our soul abides in the place of safe keeping ... in our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Where is your treasure? Your life is revealing it, and Jesus searches the minds and hearts. (Revelation 2:23) Do you treasure the temporary or the eternal? What do you dwell on most in your heart? Who do you NEVER FORGET? What Scriptures are treasured in your heart that never leave your thinking?

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