

Afraid of Losing?

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It is common to be afraid of loss. We all have treasures that we would find extremely painful to lose. The fear of losing something or someone we love can be the cause of great anxiety. The fear of death, the loss of our own life, is one of the strongest motivations found in man. Many spend most of their lives securing and protecting that which they love and treasure. Jesus had so much to say about this topic, and it seemed to be a deep part of the daily cross He invited us to carry. (Lk.9:23)

“Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.” (Ps. 73:25) To the Bride of Christ, even the wife of the Lamb, her one desire is the Lord Himself. To be one with Him is above all things in her heart. (Ps. 27:4) Her union with the Lamb is more than just a position, it is a relationship. And in this relationship she receives Him as Her fullness. He can fill all things in her by His Life. Therefore, to save her own life would be to lose an opportunity to gain His. And to lose her life so that she might yield to His Life within is the greatest gain of all!

It is common for us to feel that we deserve many things. It is also commonly heard that people feel it is only fair and right for them to gain certain things in this life. But something happens in a person's heart when they see the Lamb of God by the Spirit. We immediately cry out *“Thou are worthy to receive!”* We then understand that God did not send His Son for our pleasure, but all things were created for HIS pleasure, for He alone is worthy.”(Rev. 4:11) More than arguing His case, we should just encourage people to look into His Face... then they will understand! You must know Him for yourself, for to describe His beautiful nature, *“I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.” (Jn. 21:25)* Christ Himself is all the inspiration we could ever need! He inspires us to lose our lives to gain His Life. In this heart condition, the Cross of our Lord Jesus becomes our greatest boast! (Gal.6:14) We were crucified in Christ so that we no longer live, but rather Christ lives in us. (Gal. 2:20)

It is hard to utter something too wonderful to be spoken, yet the Spirit of Truth lifts up in us the Nature of the Lamb Who delights to give His Life away for others. Our reward is His increase within, and His increase comes as we chose to embrace the Lamb whose Life is freely given for others. *“These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (Rev. 14:4)* This is the love relationship between Christ and His Bride. She gains the Lamb in oneness by embracing His Life within, and He gains a Bride that is after His same kind in both heart and nature. This relationship is described as “beautiful for situation” and “the joy of the whole earth.” (Ps. 48:2)

I am robbed only when I don't go with the Spirit of the Lamb. If I gain the whole world and lose opportunities to let Him live through me, then I am truly a loser. And if in loving the Lord I lose everything... then most certainly I have gained that which no man can take away from me, for the Lord Himself is my portion! (Lk.9:25)***

