

# Better Than Buried Treasure



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#### Ephesians 2:14-19

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

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<sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household...

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#### 1 Corinthians 3:1,3

- <sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.
  - <sup>3</sup> You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

#### John 17:21

<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

#### Matthew 16:24

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

#### Philippians 2:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

#### Galatians 2:20

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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#### Colossians 1:13

<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves...

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We go down to go up

#### Matthew 18:1,4

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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- We go down to go up
  - We die to live

#### Matthew 16:25

<sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

#### Implications

Know that you are new Live as a citizen of the kingdom