

## Garage Sale Salvation

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Every so often, I take the time to go to some garage sales. I am hoping to find something that someone else does not want, and buy it cheaper than I thought I wanted to pay for it originally. Many times you can get something for pennies on the dollar. The Quarter Store is much the same way. What was it that turned these items into junk for these people? Why did they decide they did not need it anymore? Was the product not as good as was advertised? Was the product truly a piece of junk? Just maybe they found another toy to play with, and this item did not keep their interest anymore. Another thing you can do at a garage sale is negotiate a price.

Some people treat their Christianity like that. They count the cost and decide to live for Jesus, then later on their souls do not seem to have the importance that they once had, and they trade them in on a new experience, or revert back to their sinful lifestyle.

Still others, not willing to pay the true price required to obtain salvation, will look around for a cheaper version. One that does not require as much cost to obtain. By that, I mean that Jesus asked us to give Him our all (Luke 14:33), yet some choose to only give a portion that they are comfortable with. It is sad that people try to negotiate with their souls.

Sadly, there are many religious groups that cater to these types of people. They do not hold people accountable to the truth enough. They do not teach enough truth. Sure they teach some truth because that is what most people want. They tell people what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3-4), and usually this allows them to continue in their various vices and sins. In many ways the people do not like that the cost to be accepted of God is so burdensome on them.

Yes, the Bible tells us: *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome”* 1 John 5:3. But there are many people who do not care to keep God’s commandments, but still want to soothe their conscience to feel that they can still go to heaven. This will not work for them.

If you are guilty of this, please, do not treat your soul like this. It is your most valuable possession. Do not sell it for pennies on the dollar. Proverbs 23:23 reads in part: *“buy the truth, and sell it not.”*

Your soul is too valuable to treat it like junk. Jesus died on the cross for you, and that shows that God thinks your soul is valuable.

Let us help you realize the value of your soul, and help you to acquire salvation which is what God wants, and that is what Jesus died for. God is not willing that any perish (2 Peter 3:9).

### **You must:**

- ➔ **Believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died on the cross for your sins. (Acts 8:37).**
- ➔ **Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3).**
- ➔ **Confess Jesus as Lord (Matthew 10:32) and**
- ➔ **Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).**
- ➔ **Remain faithful and continue learning how to serve God (2 Peter 3:18).**

Let us help you on your spiritual journey. May God bless you in your study of His Word.

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