

## THE PRICE OF GOLD

By Dale Parsley

Gold is becoming more expensive by the day. Currently, it has reached a record high of \$4,300 per ounce, making it one of the most valuable commodities in the world. Its rising value reflects, in part, the devaluation of the American dollar. Gold is used for currency, worn as jewelry, and even found in cell phones and computers because of its ability to conduct electricity without corroding.

When Paul warned that "the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), he was also speaking of gold. Whether through deceiving someone with fake gold, stealing it, or killing for it, "gold fever" has been a recurring "sickness" throughout history and across the world.

In Scripture, there are three important truths to remember about gold in our current climate:

1. No amount of gold is as valuable as one's eternal soul. Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (36) Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37).

2. No amount of gold can pay the price of redemption from sin. 1 Peter 1:18-19, "know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." The word redeemed carries to the idea of being bought out of slavery. Sin enslaves (John 8:32-35; Romans 6:16-19). And no amount of gold can buy ourselves out of our sin problem. A rich man cannot hand over all of his gold on the Day of Judgment in hopes to gain eternal life. The only one who could buy us out of our slavery is the sinless lamb of God (John 1:29).

3. It's not as valuable in Heaven. When John wrote about the beauty of Heaven, he described the things he saw in the best of terms we have here on earth. So even though he may not have been literal, he wrote, "the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass" (Revelation 21:21). In other words, in Heaven, the object people wear on their fingers and around in their neck, is the pavement walked upon.

Gold does have value here and now; yet nothing in comparison in the life to come. Remember, Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; (19) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (20) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21).

- via Dewey Avenue Church of Christ, St Marys, WV-

*Credit cards are like sin; enjoy now, pay later.*

### News Notes

**COVERED DISH: TODAY about Noon** at the Fellowship Building. Our **early afternoon worship follows at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

**BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m.** on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each **Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.** All ladies welcome.

**CONVERT'S CLASS:** Each **Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-Noon.** Open to all.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next **Saturday, Nov. 8th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana Church of Christ.

**LUBECK MEN'S DAY:** Next **Saturday, Nov. 8th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,** Lubeck Church of Christ, Washington, WV. Topic: "Set In Order The Things That Are Lacking", Doug Pell, speaker. RSVP requested @www.lubeckcoc.org or call (304) 863-6504. Additional details on the Bulletin Board.

**BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:** If you have a Bible question you would like Bro. Rico to answer, please submit in writing before Sunday, Nov. 30th. These will be considered and answered on that date at the p.m. service as time allows.

**PANTRY:** Butter/margarine.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh:** John Sprout. **At Home:** Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). **Serra Manor, Weirton:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother). **Fox, Chester:** Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Herman McHan, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

Steelton.....	Nov. 2-6.....	Roger Rush
Barnesville (E. Main) .....	Nov. 2-6.....	Wes McAdams

### A Contrast

What a contrast exists between that which seems right in our eyes and that which is right in God's eyes!

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

God forbids that we shall do "every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes" (Deut. 12:8). We must "do that only which" is "right in" God's eyes (1 Kin. 14:8). And let us not forget that "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: But the Lord pondereth the hearts" (Prov. 21:2).

Left to ourselves and to our logic (!), we can justify our way and our theories, at least, to our satisfaction, but before God we stand or fall.

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