

8/4/24

**Sermon – Treasures, Pearls, and Fish – O' MY (Parables wk 5 )**

**Scripture – Mathew 13**

**Main Message – God Gave up his Son Jesus, because he see a treasure in us.**

Read the parable of hidden treasure – This is how God sees those who love him. He paid everything he had through Jesus to buy our redemption. HE is our Kinsman Redeemer. You may not feel like a prize, but God sees all that is good in you. Allow yourself to also see that in yourself.

Read the Pearl of Great Value – It is similar to the hidden treasure. But let's consider some facts about a pearl, especially one of great price. A pearl begins forming because an oyster has an irritant inside them. Its not always just a grain of sand, but anything that causes the oyster to secrete Nacre and coat the irritant. Over time, the pearl doesn't just get bigger, but depending on the oyster it can become almost a mirror finish and absolutely perfectly round. It reflects it own creator. Turns out because of sin we are an irritant to the world. But By the Blood of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit we can become a reflection of our creator. God sees this in those who love him and so, he gave all he had to purchase us. We are made perfect by Him. Isn't that a nice story.

Read the Net of Fish – I never thought about it before, but Jesus has answered this one as well. Let me read it to you. This is like the wheat and the tares. The good fish are kept, the bad fish thrown out. God's dietary decrees dictate what is clean and what is unclean. Clean is good for you and makes you healthy. Unclean is unhealthy and not good for you. At the end of the age, the angels who do God's bidding will gather up the bad fish and throw them out. This goes hand in hand with the timeline of our Father in heaven. The end of the age is approaching. It must because our Father told us that it would.