

What's In *Your* Wallet?

Colossians 2:1-7



Paul's Great Struggles

That Christians would...

- ❖ be knit together in love
- ❖ acquire all of the wealth God has stored for them

These are still the great needs of today!



What Scares the Devil

- ❖ Today's churches are full of "teams" – but those don't scare the Devil
- ❖ When a "positive" and a "negative" are knit together through the Holy Spirit, then the power of God starts to flow like electricity – that scares the Devil!



Paul's Second Great Struggle

- ❖ That Christians would acquire all of the wealth that God has stored for them.
- ❖ Today's churches are satisfied with something less than all!
- ❖ wealth: (v2) the full assurance of Christ as the fullness of wisdom and knowledge



Planning the Great Treasure Hunt

❖ Proverbs 8:22-31

❖ God intended that Christ be manifest in all of it

❖ But, Christ is too valuable to not be hidden deep



The Life of a Diamond

- ❖ “diamond” – from “adamas” (Gr.) = indestructible
- ❖ Yet they consist of only Carbon atoms (same as writing pencil)
- ❖ Are formed:
 - ❖ 75-120 miles deep below the earth’s surface
 - ❖ by melting, and subsequent cooling & hardening under pressure
 - ❖ over period of many years
- ❖ The result:
 - ❖ material so hard it can only be cut by another diamond
 - ❖ if you try to scratch a diamond, only end up making it shinier!
- ❖ Fact: formed in rare geological places – like meteorite strikes!



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- ❖ Have you dug deep enough to find all the riches of Christ?
- ❖ The physical realm – Nature
- ❖ The spiritual realm – trials

- ❖ God allows trials in your life, in much the same way as He created this earth – for the sole purpose that Christ could be manifest in all His glory
- ❖ The Devil would rather you find anything else in life, than dig deep enough to find all the riches of Christ Himself!

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The Testimony of A.B. Simpson

Once it was the blessing, now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling, now it is His Word;
Once His gift I wanted, now, the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing, now Himself alone.

Once 'twas painful trying, now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation, now the uttermost;
Once 'twas ceaseless holding, now He holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting, now my anchor's cast.

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Once 'twas busy planning, now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring, now He has the care;
Once 'twas what I wanted, now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking, now 'tis ceaseless praise.

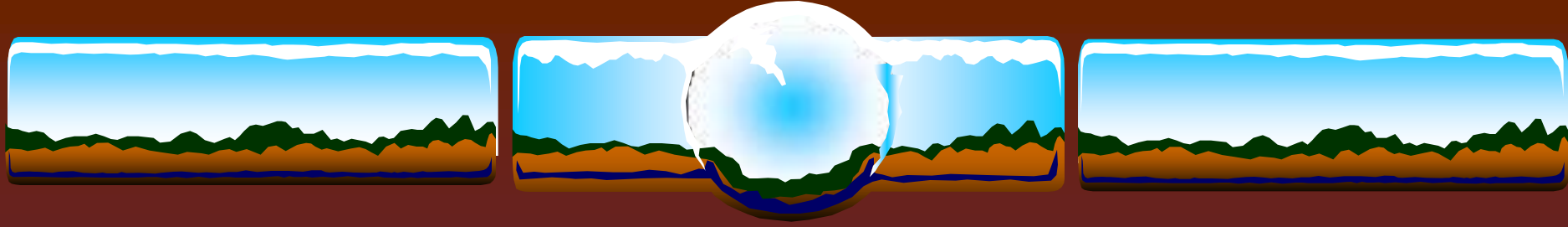
Once it was my working, His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him, now He uses me;
Once the pow'r I wanted, now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored, now for Him alone.

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Once I hoped in Jesus, now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying, now they brightly shine;
Once for death I waited, now His coming hail;
And my hopes are anchored safe within the veil.

All in all forever, only Christ I'll sing;
Everything is in Christ, and Christ is everything.



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