

Abundance of Wealth and Life

The abundance of material possessions is considered the hallmark of human standard of dignity, whether it be ordinary men or god men. They think that the more the individual's wealth is, the higher his status will be in the society. Therefore man is striving to accumulate and hoard as much wealth as possible.

About two thousand years ago Lord Jesus Christ came into this world, and He spoke something different and extraordinary. He said a most solemn truth that man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. He said that our happiness and joy of life is not dependant on the quantum of wealth we possess. The life of the soul does not depend upon the abundance of wealth.

Jesus Christ came from heaven above and spoke of the matters which pertain to the soul of man. He was the Son of God, adored by myriads of the angelic host. But He emptied Himself of all His glory and majesty and took upon Himself the human form. He was born in a manger through Mary, a virtuous virgin. He worked as a carpenter to support His mother and brothers after His foster father died. He had no savings, no property, and no home and not even a place to lay His head.

At thirty years of age, He began to preach the message of the glorious gospel of salvation to the poor souls. Many followed Him. His disciples abandoned their

vocations and possessions and followed Him because He had the words of eternal life. Jesus and His disciples were often thirsty and hungry.

Jesus lived an exemplary life just as He preached to others. He preached what He practised. His life was transparent. Even His adversaries could not find any flaw, sin or contradiction in His life. He never accumulated, and hoarded any cash reserves, gold or silver, and lived on the support of His followers. He had no material possessions. He was buried in a borrowed tomb. But He rose again, and ascended up on High and is seated on the right hand of God today.

There is one who make themselves rich, yet has nothing: but there is one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches, says Solomon, the wise king. There are many in this world, who have fabulous wealth but leave the world as destitutes. Jesus Christ came into the world to solve the primary concern of life, to make us rich toward God. One who possesses Christ will come into possession of exceeding abundance of riches, which neither the rust corrupt nor does the thief break through and steal, because they are not of this world.

Dear reader, have you received the Lord Jesus Christ? If not confess your sins to Him and receive Him right now and be rich toward God.

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