

PRECIOUS THINGS

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Something may be precious because it is rare, or it holds special value to someone. The Bible speaks of those things that are truly precious in the sight of God and His people. Are the following things as precious as they should be in your life?

God's Wisdom – *"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"* (Psa. 139:17). *"Happy is the man who finds wisdom...she is more precious than rubies"* (Prov. 3:13,15). The thoughts and ways of God are the most wonderful things that can enter the mind of man. God has revealed these things to us by His Spirit (1 Cor. 2:7-13). The Scriptures contain everything we need to be a complete man of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Death of the Righteous – *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"* (Psa. 116:15). Death can bring much sadness and grief, but the righteous do not sorrow as others who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). This is because the faithful have the hope of eternal life in heaven. Death is an enemy that will be totally defeated at the last day. When a faithful saint dies in hope, it is precious to God and to all who share that hope.

Cornerstone of Zion – *"Behold I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation"* (Isa. 28:16). This cornerstone is Jesus Christ upon whom we are built up as living stones in a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:4-9). This One is precious to the Father and to all who place their eternal hope in Him.

Gentle and Quiet Spirit of a Woman – *"But let [your beauty] be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God"* (1 Pet. 3:4). Ladies who show the proper spirit of submission to God and in the home are very precious to God, and a blessing to everyone around them. These are women who are careful to openly display "godliness with good works" (1 Tim. 2:10), and not careless to display worldliness with the lusts of the flesh.

Blood of Christ – *"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb, without blemish and without spot"* (1 Pet. 1:18-19). How precious is the blood that washes our sins away (Rev. 1:5)! There is power in the blood of Jesus to cleanse our "conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:14). It is by the blood of the innocent Lamb of God that we are justified from sin and saved from the wrath of God (Rom. 5:9). Friend, what could be more precious than what God has provided for the salvation of your precious soul?