

I want to describe in uncomplicated language what I think the Bible tells us about God – about what the Creator of the everything had in mind when He created the heavens and the earth. About God's grand design. What is His great purpose for you and for the world?



I want to explain to you what He expects of you and me, in whatever condition we find ourselves. What God's goal is for you, as you battle your way through life's difficulties. And I want to show you what God has in store for those who really love Him and His Son, Jesus.



God is not impressed with social standing. But He is interested in His creation. He is interested in you – whoever you are, wherever you are. He is in search of people who will take His words and instructions through Jesus with utmost seriousness.



God is not much interested in your "station" in life, your titles or your degrees or your accomplishments. But God is interested in your immortality, in your living forever. He created you with immortality in mind.



#### Immortality means you cannot die.

To be immortal means to be indestructible. It means that once you acquire immortality (which you do not yet have) you cannot ever cease to be alive! You will have life forever.



I want to tell you about God's immortality plan for human beings. It is actually not a very complicated plan. If it were, one would have to have special intellectual skills and ability to understand it. You do not need any brilliance or special training to grasp God's immortality plan. But you do need an open mind – and a passionate, Truth-seeking attitude.



You need a strong desire to know the Truth. Jesus called it "hungering and thirsting" Matthew 5:6

6 "Blessed are those who <u>hunger and thirst for</u> <u>righteousness</u>, for they shall be satisfied.



## After the right way to understand and act.



And Jesus described the quest for the secret of immortality as a hunt for priceless treasure.

#### Matthew 13:44

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



#### Matthew 13:45-46

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.



God wanted his immortality Message, what he called, and we should call, the Gospel, to be accessible to everyone willing to listen with an open mind. All they had to do was to pay careful attention, give themselves wholeheartedly to what Jesus said, and then pursue the goal for their lives which Jesus laid before them.



And they were to pursue that goal relentlessly for the rest of their lives. They were never to give up, whatever opposition or trial might come their way. Nothing could be more important than obtaining immortality — life forever and ever. "He who endures to the end will be saved," Jesus said.



People pursue goals in different fields with single-mindedness. They often give themselves wholeheartedly to the pursuit of goals which have no ultimate value.



Is it too much to ask that we dedicate ourselves to gaining immortality, the only goal which really lasts, and lasts forever? What goal did Jesus present to his audiences? What was the heart and core of all of his preaching and teaching?



### What Did Jesus Preach About?



#### Luke 4:43

# 43 But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, <u>for I was</u> <u>sent for this purpose."</u>

