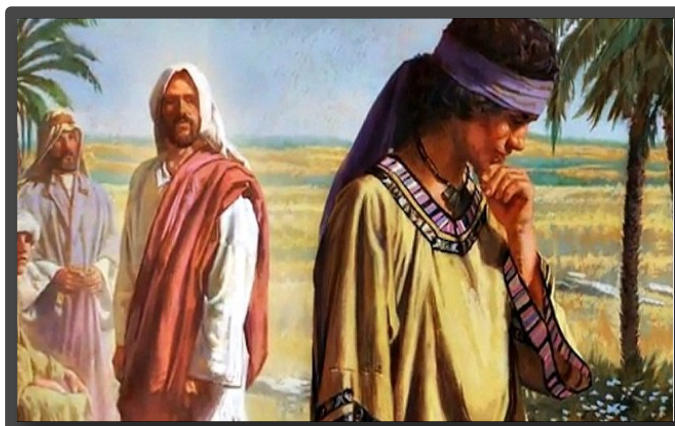


FALLEN BUT NOT LOST

“Have you heard about the man who came to the Lord, and asked him how he could be saved? Yes, you remember it. He told him to sell all that he had, and follow Christ. The man walked away sorrowful, because he had great worldly riches. He was a good and decent man, but he had a strong attachment to the world, and the things thereof.

This man lived a long and fruitful life, but always pondered what the Master had said. When he died, he did go to Heaven because of his good life, and good works; but, he was not allowed to see all the Wonders of God that there are in store for the faithful. There were many realms closed to him, as there still are.



This man is aware of his decision, when asked by Christ to give all up for Him; and he will regret this for all eternity. He is happy to be where he is, but there is so much that he cannot see and experience, and he is aware of this.

He now reasons, that if he had his earthly life to live again, with all certainty he would hold to nothing of the world; and that he would follow Christ, and thereby become an apostle, who goes about saving the souls of the lost. For a very short time on the Earth, and blinded by the physical realm, he lost significant eternal rewards.

Eternal.....let your mind exercise on this principle; then, let your mind look at this again, and again, and again. This is you, in the realm out of the time that you know now. This is the term of your spiritual life that truly matters, not the brief stay in the cursed world. Eternity—this is what you need to focus on, to live for, and to strive for.

Live in righteousness, holiness, and purity, always doing good works; and your eternity will be more wondrous than your limited human mind can imagine.

Take wisdom from this, and live.

With abiding love,

The Holy Spirit”

—John Patmos



And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life?** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, [Luke 18:18-20](#)

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. [1 John 2: 15-17](#)

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner **from the error of his way** shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. [James 5:20](#)

Follow peace with all men, and **holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord: [Hebrews 12:14](#)

Blessed are the **pure** in heart: for they shall see God. [Matthew 5:8](#)

And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself**, even as he is pure. [1 John 3:3](#)

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. [1 Timothy 6:11-12](#)
