

Rich Young Ruler

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Mark 10.
- B. Jesus loves the person looking for eternal life.
- C. We have missed in our affluent society what it takes to receive eternal life.
- D. Man's peace and tranquility have not come from his riches.
- E. The cry of thousands is "What must I do?"
 - 1. How can I solve the psychological problems?
 - 2. How can I solve the moral problems?
 - 3. How can I solve the problem of death?

II. One thing is missing - an experience with Jesus Christ.

- A. He is the way, the truth and the life.
- B. You cannot bargain with Jesus - it will cost us everything to follow Jesus.
 - 1. You will not receive eternal life unless you say to the Lord, "you have everything".
 - 2. This is the great challenge.
 - 3. You must be born again and change your way of life being converted.
 - 4. There is no bargaining - we will all have to give an account.
 - 5. The world's stars burn out - it passes away - but the one doing the will of God is forever.
- C. Let God renew your mind from within. (Romans 12)
 - 1. We all have a choice of which road to take and which master to follow.
 - 2. Sin affects every person and it is impossible to find God with only our mind. (2 Corinthians 3:14)
 - 3. We have to come to God with our hearts and minds.

4. We are to not let our bodies be conformed to the world but give our bodies as living sacrifices. (Romans 12:1)
5. Utopian ideas will not come about until God renews from within. (Revelation 21)
6. We have been taught to obey authority but we are not to conform to the world.

D. God gives us salvation as a gift by His grace and His mercy.

1. Redemption cost God His very own Son.
2. Commitment to Christ will cost you.
3. The rewards of eternal life are fantastic.
4. God has chosen the foolishness of preaching to dispense this gift.
5. There are physical and psychological rewards and eternal life.

III. What you must do.

- A. Repent.
- B. By faith receive Him.
- C. Be willing to obey.

Application questions

1. Why was the rich young man unwilling to follow Jesus?

2. What was the rich young ruler missing in following Christ?

3. What are the costs of redemption? What must you do to receive eternal life? Are you ready?
