

“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX

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Scripture Verse Reference: Matthew 13:44 ***“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”*** (NIV)

Hidden Treasures

Have you ever gone on a scavenger hunt, solved a mystery, excavated an artifact, panned for gold, explored the depths of a mysterious cave, or dug deep into the “Good News” proclaimed in the Bible? I so enjoy seeking, hidden treasure, discovering secrets, and delving into deep mysteries...just those words awaken my adventurous curiosity. I become more excited and want to discover more with each leaf or stone I turn over, and sometimes with every page I turn.

I find this same sense of adventure whenever I dig into God’s Word. Two scriptures that scream out to me to discover the mysteries of God’s kingdom are Deuteronomy 29:29 and Colossians 1: 26. Each of these verses invites us to discover the treasure of God’s Word—found only in the Bible, inspired through the Holy Spirit.

Join with me today and let’s dig a little deeper; dive beneath the surface, and excavate between the lines. Now for some excursions, we need an experienced guide to make our journey less burdensome, showing us the way. For this journey, we need the Holy Spirit to guide us through the mysteries of the “Good News”. So if you haven’t already, please ask the Lord to make his home in your heart and His Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind with His knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of His Holy Scriptures. If you’re ready, take out your Bible and let’s see if we can find some “nuggets of wisdom” in God’s Word.

Let’s start with Colossians 1:9-13, written by the apostle Paul around 60 A.D. Oh my goodness, what riches we find as we explore the Preeminence of Christ. First, we discover in verse nine that He (Paul) and Timothy prays the church in Colosse is filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Whose “will” does Paul refer to? How do we gain “wisdom and spiritual understanding?” Sometimes we need a little more help as we are first learning to listen to the guidance and instruction of the Holy Spirit. One tool I use is a Bible Commentary. There are many available, from numerous wise and educated theologians. I recommend using one so you might augment your learning in your journey of discovery. In verse eleven, we find another mystery. What is “His glorious power?” Then again, in verse twelve we must discover what “the inheritance of the saints” is. How and why is this “inheritance” only available to God’s holy people? In verse thirteen, we discover that He delivered, or rescued, us from the “power of darkness”; and in the same verse, we find He “transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.” What a journey of discovery this is! As we learn more through deeper study of His Word, we find even greater treasures—coming to understand the full meanings of these and other statements. In doing so, we learn to find our identity as Christians in the power and glory of Christ.

Elsewhere in the Bible, like in Matthew 16:19, we find the promise that we receive “the keys to the kingdom of heaven” upon our salvation. In John 5:39, we see where Christ stated; “You search the scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the scriptures point to Me.” Christ, through His atoning of our sins on the cross at Calvary, covered our sins with His blood. clothed us in His white robe of righteousness, and gave us the keys to heaven’s kingdom upon our salvation. Eureka! As children of God, we have hit the mother lode of God’s treasures.



In closing this adventure, I leave you with the words of 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT); ***“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.”***