

# The Bulwark

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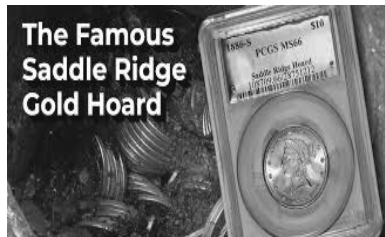
## BURIED TREASURE

Haven't there been times, as you were daydreaming, that the thought of coming upon a buried treasure didn't enter your mind? If you are like most people, the answer is "yes". You allow self to rhapsodize just how wonderful it would be to stumble upon riches beyond comprehension. But then reality creeps back in, "that never happens" you say to yourself. But you would be wrong. A couple were out walking their dog on their property in the Sierra Nevadas, when they noticed a rusted can sticking out of the ground near an old tree root. In the can were 1,427 coins with a face value of \$27,980 but valued at over \$10 million due to age and condition. A buried treasure indeed and referred to as the Saddle Ridge Hoard, and those who discovered it, remain anonymous by their own choosing.

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field."* (Matthew 13:44)

The parable set forth by Jesus is short and precise as to what it conveys. The kingdom has a worth and value that transcends any and

all possessions and wealth and requires a complete level of commitment coupled with joyful sacrifice. Can it be said that we have come to appreciate the blessedness and worth of the treasure found in the kingdom of Christ?



While it is evident the parable speaks to the value of the kingdom and the necessity of sacrifice, not reluctantly but with immense joy. What oft times isn't considered is the necessity for immediate action. There is a sense urgency on the part of the individual when the discovery of the truth of the gospel is realized. Paul notes in his second letter to the Corinthians, chapter six and verse two, "*behold, now is a day of salvation.*" Now build on that thought of urgency and awaken to the necessity of sharing the message of the gospel with others.

The beautiful part of the treasure found in Christ and His kingdom is that it never diminishes in value. Take a moment and look at what Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:7, "*in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*" God offers treasures beyond comprehension and to those of us who have made this amazing discovery it is our responsibility to share it with others. "*Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.*" (1Corinthians 9:16)

*"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"* (2Corinthians 9:15) Indeed the preciousness of the gift given by God is "indescribable" or as some translations use the word "unspeakable" because it is beyond human comprehension. Through the gift offered by God there is found forgiveness of sins and eternal life, all of which are brought about by the blood of Christ.

*"Since you have purified your souls in obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brothers and sisters, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God."* (1Peter 1:22-23) A treasure worth sharing. (wbe)

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