



THE INVESTMENT

Anchor Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

V1 (NLT) - And so, dear brothers and sisters,[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

V2 (TLB) - Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

Close your eyes, and begin to imagine the following concepts I am about to transfer to your mind.

So, you've just given your life to Christ.

Imagine yourself as a company, an organisation, of which you are the CEO. As the CEO, you must be quite important, right? This is true, but you are not the most important person in that company. The most important person or persons in that company are the shareholders. Those are the people that the CEO must run the company to please, because they have invested their capital into that company.

As a person who has given their lives to Christ, Jesus Christ is the sole shareholder, owning 100% of Mark Limited, Yvonne Incorporated and Osaze Corporation. Jesus sends the Advocate to help you, His name is the Holy Spirit (whom Jesus is One with, in the same way that He is One with the Father). Yet still, this relationship is quite unique, because although Jesus is the 100% shareholder; He gives you, the CEO, the final say in the direction of the company – He will give you suggestions, tell you what direction is best to take and let you know who will and will not be beneficial for the progress of this company; but it is you who decides whether or not His advice is worth abiding by or not – if you decide to run it into the ground, He will not stop you!

“God owns your life, because He bought it; but He does not own your decisions, because He didn't buy your will – He allowed you to have free will to preserve the love factor, but that's a story for another day” (In short, preserving the love factor just means that for the sake of love to be genuine, God had to allow you to choose against Him, so that choosing Him would be something you did of your own accord).



So now let's say, when you came into the Kingdom of God, after having been bought by Christ and accepting His offer of acquisition, your share price is £1000 per share and your valuation is £15 Billion. You go through life and through fear you make a mistake, boom, share price £900

God looks at you - seeing the you He created you to be, not the you that you see yourself as - with loving eyes and says to Himself "my grace is sufficient for *insert someone's name*, let me invest some more; and God invests courage into you.

You keep moving, and you make another mistake, boom share price drops to £800, you keep making mistakes and mistakes, share price drops to 700, 6, 5, 4, 3 - bare in mind, every single time your share price went down, God looked at you and said "you know what, I'm gonna give this my child the grace" - what is that grace? Another investment for you to keep going. God has grace and mercy upon us, that mercy allows us to be forgiven for our mistakes, and that grace allows us to continue in the hopes that you'll make a decision that will be in alignment with the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and not one that is in alignment with the lusts of your flesh.

Your share price keeps going down, all the way down to £1, even 20p, and at this point you're even wondering how you're going to make it; God, this unbelievably loving Father says He will keep investing, why? Because even though your share price has gone down from £1000 to 20p, your valuation of £15 Billion never decreased by a penny; you are STILL that valuable to Him and your assignment is STILL necessary to complete. Imagine that valuation to be your potential; God sees your price, but places His focus on your value, because He knows exactly who He created you to be.

Now don't get it twisted, God will not put up with my nonsense forever, nor will He put up with yours forever. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says that His grace is sufficient, with the word sufficient meaning enough, or necessary; something that is enough will accommodate what is required, but that doesn't mean it is unlimited - so let us remember that warning and use that to keep ourselves in check.

Many people have received ample warnings and chances from God and yet have rejected the truth for a lie, God stopped giving them grace and turned them over to a debased mind, allowing them to go super deep into whatever wretched sin and vice they wanted to indulge in that they loved more than God.



You have to decide to come to Christ and serve Him with all your heart, God is not going to make you do it. Yes it is true that it is the Holy Spirit who draws men to Christ and Christ is the only way to the Father, but you still have to use that will that is in that soul of yours to decide that you're going to accept the prompting of that still small voice we call the Holy Spirit. You are the one who has to decide "You know what I'm going to serve God regardless what it takes, regardless of who I lose and regardless of this and that " and it is up on that decision that all of the investments God has been making in you regardless of the mistakes that you've been making that begin to make the utmost sense.

This is also why He gets all the glory, when you succeed in life, He deserves the credit – because without his investment of grace, you wouldn't be standing to become a success!

"See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess." – Deuteronomy 30:15-16

Your life will not end in vain, in Jesus Name.