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You Are God's Pearl of A Great Price

1. Matt 13:45-46.
2. Pearls are the oldest known gemstone and are considered the most valuable. They are made by oysters from a single grain of sand. It has been a symbol of unblemished perfection.
3. The Latin word for pearl is "Margarita" means "Single and Unique," attesting to the fact that no two pearls are identical. Ps 139:14 "We are fearfully and wonderfully made.
4. Like all precious gemstones, pearls have a special symbolic meaning. They have been symbolized as purity, chastity, humility and innocence.
5. Father is teaching here that you are more valuable than anything else. He gave His only Son to save you and that the relationship with His Son is invaluable.
6. The Bride of Christ is spoken of in this passage as a pearl of great price.... A pearl so precious, so comely, that the Merchantman seeking goodly pearls was willing to sell all that he had to buy that one pearl.
7. God is the Merchantman and He did just that...He gave all He could possibly give, on Calvary, to purchase His Bride... His precious pearl.
8. This Eternal Bride, this choice jewel of the ocean, is destined to be the stunningly elegant and lovely, infinite companion of the Gentle yet Glorious, Shepherd-King of all creations.
9. But in fact, it is equally stunning that this beautiful Wife of the Lamb is metamorphically evolving from a beginning that could well be described as far from beautiful.
10. You were made for Him Romans 11:36; Proverbs 16:4 It is all for Him. Everything is made for His Glory.
11. When anything in creation fulfills its purpose, it brings Glory to God. Birds, Trees, oceans, Mothers, Fathers...etc....
12. The Pearl. The birth of a pearl is a miraculous event. Unlike gemstones or precious metals that must be mined from the earth, pearls are grown by live oysters far below the surface of the sea. Unlike other gemstones that need to be cut and polished to bring out beauty, pearls need no such treatment to reveal their

loveliness. It begins with a grain of sand, a piece of foreign matter, or at times even an intruding parasite somehow gets inside of an oyster and lodges in the folds of its flesh. The disturbed oyster will do anything it can to rid itself of this uninvited and unwelcome guest. But almost always to no avail. Exasperated and annoyed by constant failure, the frustrated ocean shellfish will abort its first “plan of attack” and strike out in another direction.

- 13.The oyster will then secrete (give off), literally hundreds of times, a calcium-like milky substance called nacre, that thoroughly coats the irritating intruder, smoothing over the rough edges of the sand grain, or killing the leech-like organism.**
- 14.As far as oysters are concerned, the inborn survival technique is only utilized to take care of the present need and make life more bearable and comfortable.**
- 15.Yet, all the while, an unknown course to the oyster, something quite rare, precious and beautiful is being formed... one tedious step at a time. Glory is gradually being born out of adversity. Something of excellent value is slowly yet steadily being created out of that which appears initially to have no value whatsoever. 2 Cor 4:15-18.**
- 16.Romans 8:20-21 describes the nature of the difficult yet miraculous process, and even more its spiritual type.**
- 17.II Cor 4:17 This Blessed hope is the firm truth “Our light afflictions, which is but for a moment. So the Glory of the oyster’s future inheritance far outweighs the temporary and comparatively minor hardship that may have to be endured....so it is with us. Life is a temporary assignment.**
- 18.Great souls are grown through struggles and storms and seasons of afflictions.**
- 19.Your relationship to God on earth will determine your relationship to Him in Eternity.**
- 20.All the details of our lives, both positive and negative, are being expertly woven together in conformity to a certain image and pattern predetermined from the very beginning, by the Master Weaver of the Universe Himself.**
- 21.We are quite valuable to God and Our Father has something exceedingly beautiful in store for us.....so utterly beautiful, that the end result will more than justify, and support the necessity of the means. 1 Cor 2:9.**
- 22.We have been fully persuaded that something quite valuable will ultimately be created out of that which at times appears to have no value at all. Having traced the development of the pearl, we see the parallel and true development path that we must take.**
- 23.Like an intruding grain of sand or a persistently tormenting parasite, the vile nature of the flesh latched hold of us with a seemly unyielding and iron-handed tenacity, from the very moment that our conception took place in the womb. However, at times we try desperately (by the power of our own will) to rid ourselves of this**

carnal nature, but to no avail. Romans 7:18-21. This is the irksome and sometimes even torturous, emotional, mental and spiritual turmoil that comes from being dead in transgression and sin.

- 24. Gal 5:17 – Having received the revelation of the creation of a pearl, we have determined, in like manner, to daily cover our parasitical fears and frustration with the heart-secretion of utter Faith, Prayer, Praise Worship and the Word of God.**
- 25. God is real, Righteous, Kind, Faithful, Wonderful, Amazing Merciful, no matter how we feel.**
- 26. We must constantly coat our rough edges of life's battles with The Word of God and attend Prayer and Services regular.**
- 27. The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make us like the Sons of God.**
- 28. We must purpose to overwrap our disappointments with the "Blood of Jesus."**
- 29. This Blood is a gift from God and a weapon against any opposition. It is a survival technique that is neither deficient nor weak and will always meet the present need. Use it whenever the devil or circumstances try to invade your lives.**
- 30. A lustrous and beautiful pearl inheritance is gradually being created in the heart of every Son and Daughter of the Almighty God (lodged and hidden), as it were, in the very folds of our flesh, developing and manifesting, one layer at a time.**
- 31. In trials, we learn the Greatness of God even more, and the depth of what He can do and what can be done. This discovery of God is a gem of great value and extreme beauty. Not only are we learning the divine temperament here, but we are also being changed into the same image as "Jesus". This great depth of personality of deity is gradually taking us over, introducing certain precious qualities of character into our spirits that evidentially could have never been advanced as perfectly within us, had we not first been plunged into this awful state of degradation and separation from God. By this portion of earthly experience, and the introduction of grace into our lives, we recognize more and more our greatness and importance in the sight of God, and what He has chosen us to have and to be. This revelation is very much a part of our pearlescent, earthly inheritance...a gem of exceeding beauty.**
- 32. Revelation 21:21. The Master Architect of the entire cosmos chose a pearl-like celestial substance to form the very archway entrance into the Splendid, Heavenly dwelling place of His everlasting heirs. These Twelve Pearl doors represent both intense agony that Jesus endured on Calvary and also the great distress and suffering experience at certain times by all those who are truly crucified with Christ.**
- 33. For by the very suffering that the pearl exemplifies is the singular door through which we all must pass to successfully enter into, and possess, the fullness of our Eternal God-given rights.**
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