THE PARABLE of TREASURE HID in a FIELD

Matthew 13:44

This parable, understood in the traditional way, often brings many to a feeling of quilt because who of us can possibly say: We have sold all we have for the Kingdom of Heaven?

In this context, consider Luke 17:10.

- **V: 44** (A) *Again* tells us this parable is like the proceeding parables in this chapter.
 - (B) *The Kingdom of Heaven* is the church. Matthew 16:13-19).

 The church of CHRIST is the people of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:27.
 - (C) The *treasure* is YOU personally! Exodus 19:5
 - (D) *A field* is the world. V: 38 and John 3:16-17.
 - (E) *A man* is JESUS! V: 37.
 - (F) *found* is JESUS' purpose in coming into the world. Isaiah 65:1, 27:5 & 31:19-20.
 - (G) He hideth Does Jesus hide your soul? Psalms 17:8, 27:5 & 31:19-20.

- (H) For the joy thereof It was a joy for JESUS to go to the cross for you personally (Hebrews 12:2) because you are a treasure unto Him!
- (I) Selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field" What were you bought with. Look it up. 1 Peter 1:18-19. The precious blood of CHRIST He sold all He had for you!

Once e understand that JESUS is better than man and this is what JESUS is like – not what I'm like.....then, we can begin to apply the traditional interpretation and try to give our all for the Kingdom. When we truly realize how much JESUS loves us, then we'll personally *go into the vineyard and work*. Matthew 21:28-29.