

“Treasures” on Earth

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*in nomine Domini! (In the Name of the Lord!)*

**<sup>33</sup> “...In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (Jn. 16:33b; NIV).”**

You may have heard about the torrential rains we received in Rockford a couple of weeks ago. There was much flooding.

My basement was filled to nearly 20” of water in less than five minutes. The sump pump drained that water in about ten hours so there was plenty of ‘treasure’ destroyed.

This is not the first time for basement flooding, but this was the worse event so far.

Thirteen years ago, in our first serious basement flood, I lost all of my LP albums, half my library and many family treasures.

You would think I would learn. But no! More books and treasures were in the basement this week and they are now in the landfill.

As I have been clearing and cleaning, the Holy Spirit reminded me of my sin.

How comfortable I get in my pet sins, especially when I do not receive punishment or discipline or even any or slight consequences.

Like filling my basement with ‘stuff,’ my actions fill me with sin.

I am grateful for this flood. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, It has refocused me on the true object of my heart and treasure – the salvation God has given me through Jesus!

The following Scripture is now painted on my basement stairs: <sup>19</sup> **“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt 6:19-21; NIV).”**

Praise God for Jesus who has overcome this World! Amen!

Dear Father, through the Holy Spirit, bring each person reading this to focus their hearts on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith - The True Treasure beyond measure that You have freely given. Amen!

*SDG! (Soli Deo Gloria - A Latin term for Glory to God alone. It has been used by artists like Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frideric Handel and Christoph Graupner to signify that the work was produced for the sake of praising God!)*