

New Life

“More than I bargained for”

#1

More than one expected to
encounter, experience, or
deal with

1. When Betsy brought home the sweet little puppy for a companion, she got more than she bargained for
2. I got more than I bargained for when I took this job
3. This project is more work than I'd bargained for

#2

An unexpected outcome, especially
an unfavorable one

I wonder if I/we have a
“I got more than I bargained for”
attitude about our faith walk

I did not know that it would
include sacrifice

I did not know it would take
life altering commitment

I want a Savior...but a Lord?

I want freedom...but a call on my life?

I want power...but orders?

I want to know that I will make it to
heaven but right now I want to do
what I want to do

This is more than I bargained for

So what do we do?

1. Sit down, walk away
2. Put out the Spirit's fire
3. Convince ourselves that we are good
4. Compare ourselves to others to see if we are doing better than they are
5. Embrace the "I am only human" mentality
6. Or?

Colossians 4
Archippus

Vs 8

I am sending Tychicus to you for the express purpose that...he may encourage your hearts.

Vs 12

Epaphras...He is always wrestling in prayer for you...

Vs 17

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See to it – Take heed

The language seems to indicate that
there is a glitch in Archippus' life

What is going on that you have stalled?

Philemon 1:2

... Archippus our fellow soldier...

- I have saved you
- I have redeemed you
- I have called you
- I have assigned you
- I have equipped you
- I have empowered you

I have given you provision,
power, and authority

I have also given you a call, a
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Complete – to make full

- Put your boots on
- Load the truck
- Get the lead out
- Time to make hay
- Time to roll
- Time to get it done

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The work you have received
in the Lord

Galatians 3:1

(the Message paraphrase)

You crazy Galatians! Did someone put a hex on you? Have you taken leave of your senses? Something crazy has happened, for it's obvious that you no longer have the crucified Jesus in clear focus in your lives...

What happens when the crucified
Christ is in clear focus?

What is the light that we are to let
shine before men?

What is the good work?

Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Jesus did not leave heaven, to be born of a virgin, walk in the flesh, endure the cross, face separation from the Father, die, be placed in a tomb, be raised from the dead, break the curse of sin, and bring light to the darkness...

...so you and I could have an easy life, a big bank account, a cool car, a white picket fence house, and whatever else the world has convinced us that is important or so that you and I could coast and wait for heaven someday

He did it because this world
needs Jesus!

John 14:6

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

The work?

That which promotes a faith in Jesus

Promotes faith in Jesus in me

Promotes faith in Jesus in the family

Promotes faith in Jesus in the Church

Promotes faith in Jesus in the world

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;
there's just something about that name.

Master, Savior, Jesus,
like the fragrance after the rain;

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
let all Heaven and earth proclaim
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