

Colmcille's LEGACY

It's a dream come true to hear the good news from relatives across the world that you have inherited a pot of gold. In this short leaflet we want you to understand what you **can** inherit by becoming related to the One whose news Colmcille travelled a great distance from Derry to spread abroad.

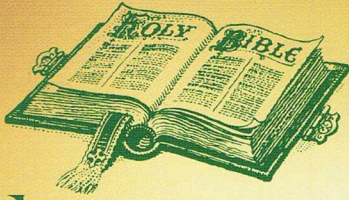


Much of what we know about Colmcille is shrouded in mystery. Stories of poems, miracles, curses and prophecies have been connected with his name. He was born in Co. Donegal in the year 521 into a noble family. This was only some 50 years after the death of St Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland. While strong in both body

and mind, Colmcille came early to prize Jesus more than anything else. It is said that he valued the cross of Christ more than the royal blood in his veins. In those days Bibles were very scarce. Colmcille took it upon himself secretly to copy out a portion of the Bible owned by Finnian, his

former teacher. He wanted the Scriptures available for as many as possible to read. Let's examine one passage from his Bible.



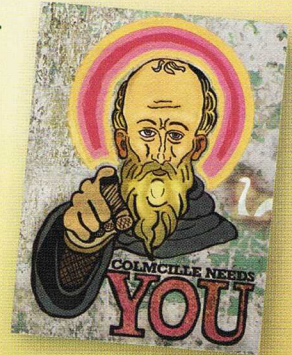


MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

Jesus says, ***“What does it profit a man [or a woman] if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”*** (Luke 9:25). If you run after the world and its wealth, as Colmcille found, the real ‘you’ shrivels up. But if you grasp why Jesus came into the world, to do with your sin and rebellion against Him, you find out ***who you really are***. Jesus also says, ***“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it”*** (Luke 9:24). Only the One who gives life, who gave up His own life for sinners and rose again from the dead, can follow through on that promise. Faith in Jesus alone brings you ***life here and for ever***. Jesus finishes, ***“...whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him will the Son of Man [Jesus Himself] be ashamed when He comes in His glory”*** (Luke 9:26). The reverse side of that is that Jesus will ***not*** be ashamed of those who accept Him as the Saviour and King of their lives. Real meaning to your life. Life here and for ever.

A powerful friend to speak up for you on the day of judgment, when it really counts. Could any pot of gold buy all those?

The Bible verse Colmcille was copying the day he died was, ***“...those who seek the LORD lack no good thing”*** (Psalm 34:10). Can you say that? Do you believe that?



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