

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE [1 Corinthians 6:20]

“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

The term bought in 1 Corinthians 6:20 in the Greek is *agorazw-agorazo*. It means to be in the market place, to attend it and to do business there, buy or sell. This action or business is expressed as a purchase made by the Father. It began in the counsels of the Godhead before the times of the ages in eternity past. It involved all three of the Divine persons, each with their respective roles.

A cousin verse would be **Titus 2:14** “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” The Greek word for redeem is similar in meaning- Liberate by payment of ransom.

Number one, before the earth was created, the Father willed [decreed] in election that the Son shed his blood for those who would inherit eternal life. Secondly, the Lord Christ Jesus took upon himself the **form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross [Philippians 2:7,8]**. Thirdly, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Son through the foolishness of the preaching of the cross, which brings those into a justified position who were elected to salvation before the worlds were.

This transaction that is described in 1 Cor. 6:20 is somewhat different than most financial deals that we are accustomed to in our normal business world of today. For example, usually when we purchase something in our present economy, payment is made when an agreed upon price is reached. After payment is made sometimes we may take what we buy back to the salesman to get our money back.

This is all contrary to the gospel and its Divine terms of deliverance. Scripture is very clear that we are passive in this purchase of God. **John 15:16** **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

Romans 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Romans 9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Well do the famed words of that blessed hymn speak “When I knew him not he sought me” {“He Ransomed Me”}. Lost sheep don’t know they are lost.

“Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD“[Genesis 6:8] It is amazing to read commentaries on this verse. Most give the credit to Noah, that he was a good man. This type of understanding beleaguers the pure definition of grace itself. Paul’s definition is very clear, **Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.**

One who pontificates on what Noah found by searching because he was a good man, shows an ignorance of what Paul is saying in Romans 11:6. Grace is unmerited favor. There are none that seek after God, **Romans 3: 11-12 “There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”** Noah must be included here as well as every one else who ever lived. To refuse this comprehension is to disannul a primary gospel truth and mix works with grace, a tendency all too common to the human mind and it’s understanding. This works plus grace mentality, no matter how small, depicts a mindset that makes Christianity similar to all other religions of the world.

The price that the father paid was the blood of his only begotten son. This precious commodity is referred to in such verses as **1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** The word precious in 1 Peter 1:19 is the same one used in **1 Corinthians 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones,**

wood, hay, stubble; [incidentally-the only works that abide are those which have been sifted by the precious blood of Christ]

It is precious because it is unique. As a matter of fact, it is the only such commodity ever to have existed. No other blood of perfect origin ever existed. If there was only one jet plane in the world, it could charge monumental fares for those who could afford it. This is what makes the truth about salvation so remarkable. It is available not only to the super rich, but those like the publican, who recognizes their own worthlessness. This is exactly what makes Christianity so immensely different than all other beliefs in the world. It is not a religion for the wealthy. It is noted that scientology [using the word loosely] is populated by a huge number of those that have. This is the way of the world. Carnally it makes sense. But scripturally it is non-sense.

It was unique because he was unique. The only begotten of the father, full of grace and truth. The Lord Christ Jesus was the only one qualified to offer up his life as a ransom for the many. His genealogies in the gospels of Matthew and Luke are unlike all else ever born before of man or woman. Without the life and death of the anointed one, the entire human race spends an eternity in everlasting suffering and torment.

This precious blood of the crucified Christ stands at the portals of time as the ever cleaning fuller, making clean what no other cleansing agent man has yet to invent. It cleans absolutely and forever that which is unthinkable to man. Its cost however was not cheap. It literally bankrupted Heavens vaults. For a period of three hours at Calvary, pouring forth indiscriminately, where angels fear to tread. Imagine the entire sin of just one sinner's lifetime, let alone, the entire sin mass of all the elect. Staggering to say the least!

Ephesians 2:4,+ 6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Marvel of marvels, what richness abounds to believers who have the blessedness of bathing in that precious blood. Think of it "**clean every whit**" [John 13:10]. Complete absolution. What an unspeakable blessing!

When man pollutes the gospel of grace with works, in essence he pollutes the blood of Christ. For it is this magnificent blood that is at the core of all Christian doctrine.

Further, this verse in 1 Corinthians 6:20 makes us the purchased possession. **Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**

We are God's property. We are bought and paid for. There are no returns. What was done is eternal. It is that simple. If you bought a car with cash on Monday, and then went back every day thereafter to pay for it, the car dealership would think that someone was deranged. Yet this is exactly what man in his absolute depravity does when something is added to what has already been paid for by the blood of Christ. The natural mind of man cannot understand such complete salvation. It is terrible to hear one who claims the blood of Christ as his own, and yet cling to such human fabrications as "allowing Jesus to enter one's heart". This statement is not even biblical.