

BOUGHT AT A PRICE

Introduction

- 1) “**You were bought at a price**” is stated twice by the apostle Paul (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23)
- 2) We are familiar with the practice of buying items at a price value; there is something we give in value to purchase something that we desire to own
- 3) This divine truth should have great significance and meaning to Christians, for they are the ones who are being purchased at a high value. It speaks to the value of our souls and the rightful owner of our person and life.
- 4) We will look closely at the meaning of the phrase and the teaching of the contexts in which it is found by concentrating on two main words: “Bought” and “Price”

I) **BOUGHT at a Price**

- A) “Bought” means to buy, acquire; indicates ownership
 - 1) “Figuratively Christ is spoken of as having bought His redeemed, making them His property at the price of His blood” (Vine)
- B) **1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 15-20**
 - 1) Christians have been washed, sanctified, and justified – implies responsibility
 - a) Must not use the body we possess to commit sin
 - 2) Body (temple) belongs to the Lord; members of Christ (ownership-submission)
 - 3) Body is temple of Holy Spirit – fellowship and submission to God, *not sin!*
 - 4) “You are not your own” (see Gal. 2:20); our body and mind belong to God and the obeying His will, not to sinful lusts (Rom. 6:16-18; 12:1-2)
- C) **1 Corinthians 7:17-24**
 - 1) Christians have been called by the gospel and are now to serve the Lord in whatever earthly capacity they hold in life
 - 2) We are *not* to abandon God to please men or ourselves; we belong to the Lord
 - a) Our loyalty is to God first in the keeping of His commandments, no matter if circumcised or uncircumcised, slave or free, or even if mate leaves marriage (v. 15)
 - b) Not abandon our faith for job, status, popularity, money, preacher, mate, etc.

II) **Bought at a PRICE**

- A) “Price” denotes a valuing...price paid or received (Vine).
 - 1) Indicates value, that something must be given up to obtain an item
- B) Man is made in the “image of God” – the soul/spirit is of great value to God who gave it (Eccl. 12:7)
 - 1) The value of the soul is greater than the whole world (Matt. 16:26)
 - 2) If we are God’s creation, why would He seek to purchase us at a price?
- C) Sin enslaves the soul in a deadly bondage (Rom. 3:23; 6:23a)
 - 1) Cannot serve God while a servant/slave of sin (Rom. 6:16)
 - 2) Man cannot free himself from sin; needs “redeemed” – someone to pay the price for his freedom/liberty/release/salvation
- D) God purchased us back to Himself
 - 1) *Purchase price* = Blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19)
 - 2) *Result* = Redemption (Heb. 9:12; Rev. 5:9)
- E) The value of our souls is so great that it took the price of the death of God’s only begotten Son to purchase us from the bondage of sin – what love! (Rom. 5:8; Jn. 3:16)
 - 1) Purchased back by God, we are now *His possession* (Rom. 6:17-18; Eph. 1:14)

Conclusion

The **price** of our **purchase** was the blood of Jesus. This purchase makes us the possession of God (1 Pet. 2:9-10). Since we belong to God, let us serve our Master faithfully.