

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss the importance of understanding that we have been bought with a price.
2. I Cor. 6:15-20
 - a. We must be delivered from sin
 - b. So he says..."Ye are bought with a price;...
 - c. Ill of a slave. When a slave was bought, he was no longer under the dominion of, nor was he obligated to work for, his first master. He was bought by another and he was obligated to work for the one who bought him.
 - d. We have been bought with a price and we belong to him by whom we were purchased.
3. The implications of this are very interesting....
 - a. PURITY -- Why we are to be Pure
 - b. OWNERSHIP -- We belong to God
 - c. PRICE -- The Price that was paid

Discussion

I. WHY WE ARE TO BE PURE

- A. The problem at Corinth
 1. Corinth was famous for its immorality ¹
 - a. Prostitution was common - they were practicing their sin in Corinth when Paul was preaching there.
 - b. Paul said that if you joined yourself to a harlot you were one body with her
 - c. But he Condemned this practice!

2. These Christians were to be Joined with the Lord
 - a. Christians are members of the body of Christ.
 - b. God forbid that we be joined with a harlot - that is fornication
 - c. Our body is to be used to glorify God!!!!
 - d. II Tim. 2:19b asv "...Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness."

B. How can we preserve this purity?

1. Must be pure in heart - Mt. 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."
2. Must be pure in speech - I Pet. 3:10 "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile;"
3. Must be pure in works - II Cor. 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

C. Figures which illustrate Christian Purity

1. Chaste bride
 - a. Eph. 5:25ff -- not having spot or blemish
 - b. II Cor. 11:2 -- "For I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."
 - (1) Chaste means - pure, spotless, immaculate
 - (2) undefiled, untainted - Decent, clean

2. Refined Gold

- a. Job 23:10 "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as Gold."
- b. I Pet. 1:7 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

D. Purity can be maintained by:

1. Thinking of the hope of heaven - I Jn. 3:3 "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."
2. Admonition - Heb. 10:24 - "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:"
3. Discipline - I Cor. 5:5 - "To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

E. Heaven is a pure place for pure people - "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." - Rev. 21:27

F. ...we are to be pure because..

II. WE BELONG TO GOD

A. I Cor. 6:19-20

1. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost
2. A temple is the dwelling place of deity ²
3. The body is such a dwelling place, and for this reason we must keep the body free from moral filth.
4. If we do those things that glorify God, the body will be a fit place for him to dwell.
5. This does not mean that the Spirit dwells in us in some kind of miraculous or mysterious sense. ³
6. The body is made a suitable dwelling place for the Spirit when one obeys the gospel.
 - a. Acts 2:36-39
 - b. Gal. 3:14 - "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."
 - (1) Literally "through the faith" means through the gospel
 - (2) The faith means the gospel
 - (3) So the Spirit is able to dwell in the body when we obey the gospel

B. "You are not your own"

1. We belong to God because we have been ransomed by sacred blood. ⁴
2. We are to devote our body to the glory of his name not to the gratification of the flesh.

3. Rom. 14:7-8 "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."
4. No man, therefore has the right to use his body in any way which will be displeasing to the LORD!

III. THE PRICE THAT WAS PAID [slave sold to another master]

- A. I Cor. 6:20a "For ye are bought with a price:..."
 1. That price was the blood of Christ
 2. Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."
 3. Rev. 5:9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"

- B. Peter describes the blood as "precious" {priceless}
 1. I Pet. 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"
 2. In I Pet. 2:24 he goes on to talk about how we are to live since we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ -- "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

C. We are either God's or the devil's

1. There was no price the sinner could have paid to redeem himself
2. If Christ had not died to redeem or purchase us we would not be servants of God. We would belong to the devil and be servants of sin forever.
3. But Jesus paid the price for our redemption, therefore, we belong to him.
 - a. We must be devoted to God -- keep the commands -- flee from all sin
 - b. We must glorify Him - M. 5:16
 - c. When a slave dies, he no longer belongs to, nor is he subject to his master. So we are said to die to sin, and when we are dead to sin, we are no longer under the dominion of sin. ⁵
4. Romans 6:7-11 "For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

CONCLUSION

1. When we are tempted to sin let us think of the Cross. There Jesus shed his blood for us.
2. When Satan spreads his allurements before us -- remember the suffering of Jesus -- He suffered death so that we might be pure.
3. I wonder how sin would look to us if we could stand beneath the cross and feel the warm blood of Jesus run out of his veins upon us!!

4. Who could do anything other than devote body and soul to God as he stood beneath the Cross of Jesus?
5. Ye are bought with a price - the blood of Jesus - therefore our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and we must keep our bodies pure.

Endnotes

1. A.L.C. Nov. 9, 1975 p. 260
2. A.L.C. July 16, 1950 p.179
3. A.L.C. Oct. 15, 1961 P. 231
4. Barnes on I Cor. p. 109
5. A.L.C. July 16, 1950 p. 179

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