

Purchased-Not Bailed Out

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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.

1 Corinthians 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

I. Jesus did not “pay for our sins” – He paid for US.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

- A. He died to redeem us from our sins and his soul was an offering for our sins.
- B. It was life for life – his life for your life.
- C. His life was a ransom for our sins.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Ransom:

1. To redeem from the possession of an enemy by paying a price deemed equivalent; applied to goods or property.
2. In Scripture, to redeem from the bondage of sin, and from the punishment to which sinners are subjected by the divine law.
 1. That “price” was the demands of the law of God; He fulfilled the law by giving his life for ours, and made a way for God to forgive sinners and still be just.

Romans 3:24-26 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

- D. Consider that He died for YOU – not just for your sins.

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.

Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Matthew 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

E. He redeemed us from our sins and iniquities.

Isaiah 44:22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

F. So what did Jesus Christ get out of this great sacrifice of himself for others?

1. Did He just pay our bail or does He have any rightful claims in this matter?
2. Why would He just “pay for our sins” and then leave us to our own devices again?
3. Why would He bail us out just to leave us to continue in the sin that cost such a great price?
4. Why would He pay our bail just so we could continue to love the world instead of Him, and live in the lust and pleasures of this present world?

Deuteronomy 32:9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; ...

Ezekiel 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Malachi 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

II. This is a major reason why holiness has become a non-issue with most who profess to be Christians.

A. The distorted message of the Gospel which is now universally preached is that Jesus paid for our sins, and the logical conclusion is that we are free to do as we please.

1. The Gospel is perceived as though we are bailed out of jail by a generous sugar daddy who just wants to make us happy and pays for all our messes to keep us out of trouble.

B. The true message of the Gospel is that Jesus purchases US with his blood.

1. He died for our sins in our place, and set us free from sin so that we could serve Him.

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.

2. He didn't bail us out of hell and then turn us loose to continue in the sin that cost Him so great a price.

1 Peter 2:24-25 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

III. There is no salvation without complete surrender to Christ.

- A. Before we are truly saved we maintain our right to ourselves and will not yield the reins to anyone – including, and especially God.
- B. This is in effect as if we are holding stolen property and will not return it, but cling to it claiming it as our own.

Isaiah 52:3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

1 Peter 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:

Revelation 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;

The love of the Spirit is shown in the first visit which He pays to the soul of a sinner, when He comes to take possession of it. When the Spirit first enters the place of his future residence, He finds it in a very wretched and repulsive condition. The sinner, accustomed to his own impurity, can form no conception of the disgust which this heavenly visitor must feel on approaching it, and is apt to wonder at the strong terms with which He describes it. No dungeon, cold and dark and filthy – no leper who from the sole of the foot to the crown of the head is covered with wounds and bruises and sores – no corpse that has lain for days in the earth, is half so loathsome to the senses as such a soul is to the Holy Spirit, who is “of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.” (Hab 1:13)

The Spirit finds the heart dead to all that is good, yet alive to all that is evil; the mind filled with ignorance of God and enmity to Him; the whole man as proud as poor, as obstinate as foolish, as impenitent as guilty. His first approaches are shunned, His overtures rejected, His convictions stifled, His entreaties despised. Yet He perseveres in His gracious design until He has conquered all opposition, won the soul to Jesus Christ, and formed the heart for a habitation for Himself – “the temple of the living God.”

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