

**“The That Jesus Bought”**  
**“Purchased With The Blood Of God”**  
By Elder Oscar B. Mink (Now with The Lord)

"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." (Acts 20:28)

Questions and opinions as to what a New Testament church is, and where it or one may be found are unlimited, and in the main, unanswered. It is my sincere desire, hope, and prayer to God, that I may be enabled by the Holy Spirit through the medium of this book to Biblically answer some of these questions and allay some erroneous opinions which now pervade the far greater part of the ecclesiastical landscape.

Two of the glorious truths clearly, forcibly, and insuperably stated in the above text (Acts 20:28), are:

1. Whatever a New Testament church may be, it is bought with a price.
2. And that price is the blood of God. "The blood of God" is an unmitigable reference to the blood of Christ, Who, though born of a woman, was the world's only Divine man. "... God was manifest in the flesh ..." (I Timothy 3:16), and in His flesh He purchased the church with His own blood. Every effort to devalue the price of the church, is an insidious attempt to diminish Christ's absolute and indivisible Headship over His church, and it is at the same time a satanic effort to lessen the sinfulness of sin, and to leave man in his inextricable state of condemnation.

All for whom the blood of Christ was vicariously shed, will be in the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God will be fully and forever manifested at the second coming of Christ (Matthew 25:34), but until that time the number of persons and their positions in the kingdom will remain a mystery (Matthew 20:20-23). All regenerate persons are "the children of the kingdom" (Matthew 13:38), but all the regenerate are not in the church, nor shall they ever be. The kingdom which is a mystery, and the church which is not a mystery are now contemporary. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles lifted the cloud of mystery with which the New Testament church in its infancy was shrouded, and revealed that the church would primarily consist of Gentile believers. And, that the Gentiles would be fellow members, and fellow participants with the Jews, in the blessings and responsibility of the church (Ephesians 3:1-12).

The church is a part of the kingdom of God, even as Washington, D.C. is a part of the United States. The church is within the kingdom of God, and is a part of the kingdom, but the kingdom is not de facto a part of the church, even though representatively in the church. The church is the Lord's governmental arm or executive body within His kingdom, and while as yet on earth, He said unto His church: "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 18:18). So it is, when Paul says; the church is purchased with the blood of God (Acts 20:28), he does not equate the church with the kingdom of God, but highlights the distinctive function of the church within the kingdom.

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## “Haughty”

By Pastor Randy Johnson

God said, *“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”* Proverbs 16:18 The word haughty means - "showing oneself above others" which is the opposite of humility which means lowliness of mind – God said this about humility, *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”* Philippians 2:3 When a Christian becomes “haughty” it is the next step after pride that “before their fall” from honoring God. A God honoring believer is full of humility and love for other believers, and especially for the Lord’s house. The Chinese say, "Who flies not high falls not low;" and "A great tree attracts the wind." As Christians we do not want to fall low, nor do we want to attract the winds to blow us down. As Christians, we must keep ourselves reminded of God’s grace, always remembering as the Apostle Paul that without grace we are nothing, *“But by the grace of God I am what I am”* 1 Cor. 15:10. And without grace we will become prideful and haughty and fall into apostasy. As Christians and especially learned believers and Ministers of all kinds and even as churches we need to read this very closely, *“The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.”* Obadiah 1:3 - 4 The Lord promised that if we fly to high, He (God) will bring us down. We do not have our own strength to fly on our own nor to fly above everyone else, our flight in this flesh is by God’s grace. I am not talking about money, I am talking about haughtiness and pride, if we as Christians lose our true humility we will fly to high and fall on our faces, God will assure us of it. God said to us, *“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”* Romans 12:3 God has given us grace to fly in His

## “Haughty” Continued:

Ministry and He can take that grace away if we fail to walk in the humility of His grace. We need to remember that Christians are God’s elected children and Churches belong to God and God has given both to Jesus Christ for His possession, and Jesus loved both so much He died for both. As Pastors we better handle with much care and love and not prideful or haughty as though we fly above them. So please let me remind us all as Paul did in his letter to the church at Rome, “Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,” Romans 15:15 That we walk in the love and grace of God, and we need to continue that Christian walk in that love and grace not in pride or haughtiness. None of us are such a large tree with so much strength that the wind cannot blow us over. Listen very closely to this verse, *“And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, **I am nothing.**”* 1 Corinthians 13:2 If a man functions outside of love and grace he is NOTHING! *“For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”* Galatians 6:3 If the wind blows over a high tree it is worthless!



- **Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Conference** is approaching quickly. Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> we will start at 6:00 and end about 7:45 there will be a meal and fellowship after. Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> we will start at 9:00 and end around 4:00 with a meal and fellowship around noon.
- **Happy Birthday** Brother Medic Lavina Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

