

You are bought with a price.

1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20

Notice in our text scripture that a question is asked, **1 Corinthians 6:19** *“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?”*

In verse 20 the Lord gives the answer, *“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”*

Introduction. People are the only creatures in all of creation that God elected to redeem. That God chose to make His children. But, because man had sinned against God, he brought death on himself, and all the human race. **1 Corinthians 15:22** *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”* Therefore, the entire human race belongs to the “slave market” which belongs to Satan and sin. Therefore, for the elect of God to become His, He must purchase them from the power of Satan and Sin. The cost was so expensive that only one could purchase them, our purchase price was the Son of man, Jesus. **Revelation 13:8** *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”* The purchase price was steep, and the purchase price was the blood of the Lamb. We that are redeemed are the most expensive cost to God of all His creation. The cost was His own Beloved Son, Jesus the Son of man. God said *“For ye are bought with a price:”* If you are saved, you were redeemed or bought with the price of the Lamb.

A. What does it mean to be bought?

1. It's pretty simple to understand, you were in the slave market of sin and God paid a price for you. You belong to God.
2. Listen closely to this scripture, **1 Corinthians 7:23** *“Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.”* The word “servants” means slave.
 - a. You were a slave to the slave market and sin, you once belonged to Satan, however, since God bought you, you now belong to God.
 - b. You do not belong to no one else, therefore, do not serve another, not even yourself.

- c. Your salvation was the costliest to God, He commands us to serve our Master. As a slave would serve their master.
3. Listen to this verse, **Galatians 3:13** "*Christ hath redeemed us (paid a ransom) from the curse (condemnation) of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"*
- a. Deuteronomy 21:22 - 23 "*And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: (23) His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.*" Jesus Christ was without question condemned by God His Father, because He took our condemnation to redeem us or buy us from the sin market.
 - b. The ransom price was the death of Jesus Christ, the most hated man of His time, all for us, all so God could purchase us. God condemned His own Son. *Acts 2:23 - 24* "*Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: (24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.*"
- B. What does it mean to be a servant or slave of God?
1. **Matthew 10:24** "*The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.*"
 - a. What is a "disciple" he is - a learner, that is, pupil – and what is a master He is - an instructor (generally or specifically): - doctor, master, teacher. – so the question is, who is over whom.
 - b. God's people are God's servants or disciples, and God is the Master or the teacher, however, He actually is our Master as our owner.
 - c. **Romans 1:1** "*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*"
 2. Christians are servants of Jesus Christ, slaves to do His will and commandments. We were separated and called for Him.

3. We were once serving self and sin, blinded by Satan to serv him. But now God bought us from that life of sin, through Jesus Christ. **Romans 6:17 - 18** *"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. (18) Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."*

C. God is satisfied with His purchase. **Isaiah 53:11** *"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."*

1. We are God's. He elected us, called us, sent His Son to die for us, and He *"...shall be satisfied..."*

2. God sent His Son to justify us, and no one can ever charge us. **Romans 8:31 - 34** *"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*

3. He redeemed us from the power of Satan and sin. **Ephesians 2:1 - 2** *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"*

4. How much does God love you? Look at the cross and see who was there.

5. We are bought, not of our own money, or our own merits, or of our own will, but the will of God.

D. Conclusion

1. **Matthew 11:28** *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

2. John 7:37 - 38 *"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."*

(38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."