

# Appreciating the Price Paid!

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1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins*  
1 John 1:8 *If we say that we have no sin*  
1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is*  
Romans 8:12 *we have an obligation*  
Romans 8:14 *as many as are led by the Spirit*  
Isaiah 1:19 *If ye be willing and obedient*  
Matthew 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate*  
1 Corinthians 2:9 *no one has ever imagined...*  
John 3:18 *He who trusts in Him*  
1 John 1:7 *The blood of Jesus Christ, cleanses*  
Romans 5:6 *Christ died for the ungodly*  
Luke 18:13 *God be merciful to me a sinner*

Theme: **Proving our appreciation**

1 If we appreciate the enormous *price* Jesus paid for us, we will also see an enormous *change* in our attitudes at home, during sports, and at every other time.

2 We all *say* we appreciate what Jesus did for us, but the evidence that we really *do* is the *actual change* in our attitude toward everyone!

3 AV 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.*”

4 An enormous *price paid* is for that *change* in us. If it is appreciated then the evidence is the *actual change* in our conduct; in our comments to our family; and a noticeable change toward all people—all the time.

5 The only way to be *right* with God; to be *ready* to meet Jesus; and to *enter* the gates into Heaven, is for our huge sin-debt to be *paid off in full*. AV 1 Peter 2:24 “*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.*”

6 The total cost for our sins has been covered—so what *change* has it brought about in us? What *change* is seen in our *attitudes*? Those *changes* in us—or lack of—will be the *indicator* for determining if our *stated* appreciation is a *valid* statement.

7 Everyone has sinned many times—we all need cleansing and conversion. If anyone thinks they have *not* created a debt of sin to be paid, then God would have to enlighten them. AV 1 John 1:8 “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*”

8 We must all admit that we have sinned many times and in many ways—we owe a *debt* to the God who gave us life. We *first* admit we are a sinner and need God's mercy. Then AV 1 John 1:9 “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

9 If we incurred a large debt and a close friend says to us: *I have this extra money and I want to pay off the debt you have*. Our response

would be: *I don't know how to thank you; I'm forever indebted to you.*

10 Jesus is saying to us: *I paid a debt I did not owe; for you who could not pay*—so we should be saying: *Thank you Lord! I am forever indebted to You for covering the total cost of that debt for me!*

11 Since Jesus paid our sin-debt, what *change* is seen in us? Is there any *improvement* in our attitude at home, at work, or on the playing field? What *impact* has His Blood sacrifice had on our life? What *change* are others *hearing* in us? It was an enormous *debt* so we should see an enormous *change* in us!

12 The *comments* we make and our *treatment* of people are all *indicators* or lack of our *appreciation* of what Jesus did for us—sacrificing *His life* to bring about our *new life*!

13 We are *forever obligated* to the One who *saves* us from God's wrath. NIV Romans 8:12 “*Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.* 13 *For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*”

14 Our Christlike way of treating everyone is the *evidence* of our gratitude for the *payment* of that huge debt for us! The *changed* attitude is the *indicator* of the new Spirit in us AV Romans 8:14 “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*”

**15** Jesus is the only One able to *do* what no one *else* can do—*forgive* our sins and *change* our direction. We are now forever obligated to the One who paid the cost to save our soul.  
AV Isaiah 1:19 *"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword."*

**16** Now that the *cost* has been covered; now that the *debt* has been paid, what hard *evidence* is there to *show* we appreciate what Jesus did! Jesus is the only *way*; the only *road*; and the One to follow in faith as He alone *forgives* sins and *changes* hearts.

**17** The path is *narrow* because it is *exclusive*.  
AV Matthew 7:13 *"Enter ye in at the **strait** gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."*

**18** Everyone gets a one-way ticket to eternity—and that ticket will take us to either eternal *suffering* in the Lake of Fire; or to everlasting *happiness* with Jesus and the saints in a place of indescribable beauty—no one *has ever seen or imagined* 1 Corinthians 2:9.

**19** Our ticket to Heaven must be stamped with the *Blood* of Jesus. There is just *one right answer* when we face God on Judgment Day. We must be able to *show* evidence in our life that we truly *appreciate* the price paid for our life—*Jesus paid it all; all to Him we owe!*

**20** The only way a holy God could let anyone into Heaven is if they were cleansed 100% of all past sins. Good works offers *no payment*,

but our Savior paid the *entire* debt for us—that is why we must keep our *trust* on that *sacrifice*  
WEY John 3:18 *"He who trusts in Him does not come up for judgement."*

**21** The *entire cost* for our sins has been covered, so we must constantly remind ourselves of the price paid. When we stand before the White Throne Judgment, we *can* be dressed in the righteousness of Christ—the *cost* is covered because AV 1 John 1:7 *"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."*

**22** That *trust* on the Blood of Christ covers everything in life—faith in Jesus for health and healing; for change in our attitudes; for financial needs each day; for correcting all injustices; for peace in our home; and trust on God to be successful at work.

**23** It is the love of God that compelled Him to visit earth and pay the price of our debt. It is *nothing* in us but *everything* of God. AV Romans 5:6 *"For when we were yet without strength [we bring nothing to the table], in due time Christ died for the ungodly."*

**24** Since the total price has been paid—we are totally obligated to thank Him; praise His name; and trust on Him for change in us—because how 9 *"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."* The coming Tribulation cannot touch us.

**25** An analogy: We can walk out of a store with the security tag still on the item; that trips an alarm. If the gates of Heaven had sensors

on each side—and as we walk through only *one* thing would set off the alarm—*sin*. If our sins are forgiven and erased we will walk through the gate and trip no alarm.

**26** *No one* wants an alarm to go off when they walk *out* of a store; and no one wants an alarm to trip when we go through the gate of Heaven. If our faith and our trust has been on the shed Blood of Christ—and we are bearing spiritual fruit each day because of that trust on God, no alarm will trip as we enter the gates.

**27** Can we in all honesty and humility of heart say—AV Luke 18:13 *"**God be merciful to me a sinner.**"* And add—AV Luke 23:42 *"**Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.**"*

**28** No alarm will be tripped because our confession is real—we actually treat everyone who may have wronged *us*; harmed us; or done anything against us in the way Jesus said to treat them in kindness, forgiveness, and divine love. That is appreciating the price paid!

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