

Bought at a Price

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Isaiah 45:22 *Look unto Me—there is none else*
1 Timothy 2:5 *one God and one Mediator*
Luke 17:10 *When you have done all those things*
John 1:29 *The Lamb of God who takes away*
1 Peter 1:19 *With the precious blood of Christ*

1 When we buy something at a rather high price, we take special care of it; we are sure to use it as instructed; and if loaned to someone, we caution them “*Operate it correctly please, it was Bought at a high Price.*”

2 That parallels our life Jesus paid for at Calvary. AV 1 Corinthians 6:20 “*For ye are bought with a price: [You are not your own, for you have been redeemed at infinite cost WEY; with a high price NLT] therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*”

3 To operate our life properly we need to obey the *Word of God* through our love for the *Son of God*.

4 AV John 14:15 “*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*” If we keep the commands, we keep the love for Christ in our heart and divine love toward all people.

5 There is no merit for good things we do—WEY Luke 17:10 “*So you also, when you have obeyed all the orders given you, must say,*

‘There is no merit in our service: what we have done is only what we were in duty bound to do.’”

6 Doing good things *does not* pay the price for our sins, but our *faith* in the atonement of Jesus *does* pay for them.

7 Some people read through Scripture to find a way to justify the life they are living—apart from the life God *wants* them to live.

8 The Bible is true—there is *no other plan; no other God; no other way* to be ready to see Jesus.

9 AV Isaiah 45:22 “*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*”

10 God says plainly that He is the only One to trust—no one else can *deliver; heal; provide; protect; forgive; and save* as He can!

11 How a sinner can be right with a holy God is explained in Scripture—it is believing and enduring faith in the atoning blood of His Son.

12 AV Acts 4:12 For “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”

13 Many do not like the *exclusiveness* of that verse, but it *is* the *Word of God*; a *true* statement of Scripture; and no one can change that.

14 Only One God can *protect, provide, transform, heal, and save*—AV 1 Timothy 2:5 “*One God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*”

15 Jesus is the only way to make *peace* with God; His sacrifice is the only way to be in *fellowship* with Him—Jesus is this “*One Mediator*” who paid the cost of our sins and who

purchased our life from the world—***Bought at a Price!***

16 Isaiah 45:22 *There is none else; Acts 4:12 There is none other name.* No one can ever change that, and we have to *believe* that before we leave planet earth.

17 Faith in the atoning work of Christ is the only way to avoid the flames—the *way* is through Jesus; the *truth* is a *perfect sacrifice*; and the *life* is trusting God for all things.

18 New Testament Israelites brought animal offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem to atone for their sins. The *innocent blood* of an animal was a *substitute* for the *guilty soul* of the sinner.

19 They were well aware that due to their *own* sins, they deserved to die, but because of the animal’s blood, their sin was *taken away*.

20 NKJV Leviticus 17:11 “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls.*”

21 Israelite families in Egypt took the blood of a lamb and put it on the doorposts of their homes—making the angel “*pass over*” them.

22 Therefore, Jewish people celebrate a Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur—when they confess their sins; sacrifice animals; and ask to be forgiven.

23 That is not done anymore since there is no Temple in Jerusalem—but if God demands a blood sacrifice to atone for sins—and no one can *change* what God requires to purge sin—then there has to be a way to have our sins forgiven.

24 The apostle explains AV John 1:29 “*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*”

25 God *demands* a perfect sacrifice, but no one can *offer* it except the *Lamb of God*! It is *He* and our *faith* in His sacrifice that *atones* for sins.

26 A believer today can be *healed, delivered, saved, and redeemed* AV 1 Peter 1:19 “*With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*”

27 It is the only way; the only *truth*; the only *life*; and the only *plan* God gives us—AV 1 Peter 2:24 “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.*”

28 God’s *standard* of righteousness cannot change; a life of faith in Jesus has always been the *plan*; and His perfect sacrifice is still the *same* because He NKJV 1 Peter 2:22 “*Committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth.*”

29 Jesus is the *perfect* sacrifice for *all sin* for *all sinners* for *all generations*.

30 Visualize the Scene—NIV Luke 22:39 “*Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.*”

31 40 *On reaching the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you will not fall into temptation.’*

32 41 *He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed.*”

33 They had finished supper, and the Master’s words burned in their memories—NIV Luke 22:19 “*Do this in remembrance of me.*” They were to always recall the *price* He had to pay.

34 Following dinner, they prayed, sang a hymn, and went out into the night—walking in silence across the Kidron Valley, running red from the sacrifice of many lambs.

35 As Jesus crossed and seeing the red water, He thought of His own sacrifice, and the price He would pay to redeem the world.

36 We also are to remember that we were *Bought at a Price*—[#236 *Nailed to the Cross*] “*the path to the cross He was willing to tread, all the sins of my life to forgive.*”

37 They make their way across the brook to Gethsemane—a familiar retreat Luke 22:39 “*as He was accustomed*”—giving His disciples and us that example—church attendance; prayer; and celebrating Communion—in remembrance of the price He had to pay.

38 The scene is portrayed in our mind—amid the shadows of Gethsemane, Jesus faces a spiritual war with the forces of evil.

39 A combat of this magnitude and significance has never been waged before.

40 The salvation of the world hangs in the balance—the tempter and destroyer of us all tries to thwart the divine plan.

41 The forces of evil are arrayed against Him, so He defends with the armor of prayer.

42 In this agonizing hour of suffering, with the sins of the world pressing down upon Him, He pours out His soul in prayer to the Father above.

43 He admonishes His disciples NKJV Matthew 26:41 “*Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*”

44 That is to be remembered forever. We all stand in *need of prayer* because we all *fall into temptation and sin* too often.

45 By the grace of God and the power of His Spirit, we must *not* give in to a dangerous and deadly enemy.

46 Jesus warns us to pray because wickedness is everywhere—and He knows that the enemy is prowling and waiting for that moment when he can pounce, attack, and destroy.

47 While surrounded by His enemies, determined to have Him executed, Jesus speaks these memorable words—*Watch and pray, lest ye fall.*

48 That warning is heard over the centuries to alert every follower of Christ. It is the warning that can *save us* from the one who wants to *destroy us*.

49 The lesson of Gethsemane is a lesson of being *strong in the Lord*, and *steadfast in our prayers*.

50 As we come before God in humility of heart—confessing our sins, let us think of the price He paid to redeem our soul and to free us from sin.

51 The Cross *does* make a difference—the difference between Heaven and Hell. The Cross *does* bring change when we *pray* and *believe* and *trust* in faith.

52 [#236 *Nailed to the Cross*] *There was One who was willing to die in our stead. That a soul so unworthy, might live; And the path to the cross, He was willing to tread, All the sins of my life to forgive.*

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