

GOD BOUGHT YOU AT A HIGH PRICE

1 Corinthians 6:20a God bought you at a high price. 2 Peter 2:1

Jesus bought us so that we can be removed from our bondage to sin, death, and Satan.

But the price Jesus paid was not a payment to God, to Satan, or even to justice.

The price Jesus paid was a sinless physical death by which He condemned sin and as a man has the right to remove sin, death, and Satan from creation.

Jesus bought the right to remove sin but He wasn't making a payment to anyone or to anything. Jesus simply became the Second Adam who had victory over sin whereas Adam failed.

In the death of Jesus, God maintained His righteousness in removing sin from all creation.

Today, God is removing sin from those who believe in Jesus. Forgiveness has no value unless the forgiven person is removed from his bondage to sin. If the King forgave the prisoner but left the prisoner in the dungeon, there is no value in the forgiveness. In the death of Jesus, God maintained His righteousness in forgiving humanity provisionally, forgiving believers judicially, and forgiving believers parentally.

Forgiveness is the opposite of payment. If payment for a debt is paid then there was no forgiveness of the debt. Payment for your sin was not paid by anyone. God freely forgives without payment.

Believers need to be convicted of sin, confess sin, and repent of sin. This is the process by which God makes us fit for Heaven. Jesus paid the price by which we escape sin. We die to sin and live to God. All our sins are removed at physical death. God promises to complete the work of sin removal. At physical death, the believer is totally removed from his bondage to sin. If we err in thinking our sins are already taken care of and do not affect our fellowship with God and our training in righteousness, we have missed the purpose of salvation.

Jesus did not pay for your sins. Jesus is the Way by which you escape sin, condemnation, and wrath.

Jesus did not pay the penalty for your sins. The penalty is eternal separation from God.

The Way we escape sin and its penalty is to be "born again." We are crucified with Christ, we die to our sole relationship with Adam, and we are born again to new life in Christ. Our believing in Christ to give us new life in Him is the only condition upon us to receive this new birth.