

Bought with a Price – Given a Purpose

Bible Study • Study Guide

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we prepare to study Your Word, we ask that You grant us wisdom and understanding, as promised through Your Holy Spirit. Help us to humbly receive the truths revealed to us through the Scriptures and through the discussions that follow. We pray boldly in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

Discussion:

What would you consider the most precious thing you have (or had) in your house that you bought or were given? Do not include people or pets, the Bible, or any variations of the cross. Why is it precious to you? _____

Have you ever considered yourself as a treasure or a precious possession? What do the following verses have to say about you? Share your responses.

Deuteronomy 7:6: _____

Jeremiah 31:2–3: _____

Zephaniah 3:17: _____

1 Peter 2:4, 9: _____

Bought with a Price

Our theme verse, 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, is part of Paul’s discussion about how God’s people are to think of themselves.

How do we usually think about people being “bought?” What does it mean to you that God has paid for you? _____

Read the following verses to help your understanding of being “bought with a price.”

What is the price that God paid for you?

Galatians 3:13 _____

Galatians 4:4–5 _____

1 Peter 1:17–19 _____

Titus 2:13–14 _____

Why did God pay the price for you? (Hint: John 3:16) _____

Living with Purpose

Discussion:

When have you felt appreciated? How did the affirmation affect your behavior? How was your feeling of being valued connected with the words from 1 Corinthians 6:19–20?

In our theme verse, Paul indicates that you are not your own because you were bought with a price.

What does it mean for you? _____

Read the following verses.

What is God's purpose in redeeming you?

John 15:16 _____

Romans 14:8 _____

2 Corinthians 5:15–19 _____

Ephesians 1:7–10 _____

Ephesians 2:10 _____

Ephesians 3:8–11 _____

Colossians 3:12–17 _____

1 Peter 2:4–5, 9, 16–17 _____

What is the overall message about God's plan for His people in these verses? Write out, and then share your understanding of this plan.

What important reminder do you find in 1 Corinthians 1:27–29? _____

Read Romans 12:1–2.

What do you think Paul meant by asking us to present ourselves as living sacrifices? _____

Why does he command that we not be conformed to this world? _____

Who transforms us, and what benefit do we receive? _____

Compare Paul's concept of us as living sacrifices to the idea of us being "not our own."

Read together our theme verse:

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Share any new or refreshed understanding of your value to God, or what you have learned about how you can "glorify God in your body." How might these thoughts and insights lead to any changes in how you approach each day, and how you will relate to others?

If one passage of Scripture has been most meaningful in this new view, please share which one and how it has affected you.

Closing Prayer: Lord God, as we digest all that we read, heard, and discussed, we ask that You help us hold onto the wonderful truth of Your love for us. Strengthen us through Your Word and lead us to discover each day Your plans for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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