

Your Soul's Value

Ponder: What is your soul worth to God? To you?

Scripture: "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26, NKJV)

Your soul – you can't see it, you can't touch it, you can't weigh or measure it. Maybe you don't even think about it very much. Some people think their material body is all there is to them. But we accept what Jesus said – the we consist of both body and soul (Matt. 10:28).

God values your soul highly. Paul wrote to the saints at Corinth, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Why did God need to "buy" us? Simply put, "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23a). That's spiritual death, eternity in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. Since all of us have sinned, that would be our destiny if not for the love of God. He sent His precious Son, Jesus the Christ, to pay the penalty we deserve. As Paul told the Ephesian elders, He purchased the church "with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Jesus' blood constitutes the highest price ever paid for anything. As of this writing, the national debt of the USA stands at \$22.3 trillion. While that shocks us, think of this: the personal debt of all Americans (home mortgage, credit card, student loan, et. al.) totals \$73.9 trillion. The sum of these two monstrous debts equals over \$96 trillion! Just suppose you possessed that much money – if you "paid" it to God, how many sins would it erase? It wouldn't even make a down payment on one! The blood of Jesus is infinitely more valuable than all the money that has ever existed or ever will exist.

That's how much God values your soul. How much do you value it? Do you need to re-examine your priorities?

Song: "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

Prayer: Righteous Father, we are distracted by so many things of this world that we lose track of the value of our soul. Thank You for redeeming us with the precious blood of the Lamb without spot or blemish. Help us to cherish our relationship with You, and to welcome Your reign over us. In Jesus' name, Amen.