

The Value of a Soul #3

What Is the Value of Christ's Sacrifice?

It is a well-established principle of business that the value, or worth, of an item is determined by what a purchaser is willing to pay for it. According to this principle, therefore, what would be the value of a human soul?

The Bible teaches that those of us who are Christians have been purchased by Jesus. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Paul says that “. . . your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own . . . you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.” What then was the price that Jesus paid for our souls? Peter answers that question in 1 Peter 1:18, 19, “. . . you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold . . . but with precious blood . . . the blood of Christ.” Jesus willingly paid His own life's blood to purchase the souls of men.

What then is the value of a soul? It has to be worth whatever Jesus' sacrifice is worth.

To calculate the value of such a sacrifice would be an impossible calculation. Jesus, as part of the Godhead, created not only the world, but the entire universe, including the spiritual realm (Hebrews 1:2; John 1:1-3). No matter how valuable the universe and all that it contains may be, the Divine Creator is of infinitely more value (Hebrews 3:3). The value of the life, suffering, and death of the Son of God Himself is simply not calculable in human terms. It is a value that transcends our earthly understanding. It is infinite, inexpressible, inconceivable, and ineffable. It is beyond price; it is higher than the heavens.

This is the value of the human soul, and every person on earth possesses this priceless commodity. The highest goal of our lives, therefore, is to ensure the eternal well-being of this precious item. We do this by accepting, in obedient faith, the gracious payment that Jesus made. Then, as one of the redeemed, we enter into the abundant and eternal life that Jesus has made available by His sacrifice.

Let us share this inestimable blessing with the precious souls around us.