

2022 Theme: Life with the Indwelling Holy Spirit

Sermon title: Bought with a Price

Text: I Cor. 6:19-20

Date: 1-16-22 @ 10:30 AM

Review:

- 1) Do we actively recognize that our souls are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit?
- 2) How does the Holy Spirit's indwelling then impact our thoughts and actions?
- 3) Do you and I live differently as a result or do we merely outwardly conform?
- 4) Do we live for ourselves or for the One who has changed us and lives within us?

In 2022, let us be a church, a body of believers, who eschew the carnal, immoral, ungodly ways of our culture and live in such a way that it is obvious to the fellow members of our local body and our community that the Holy Spirit is dwelling within us, and let us bring honor to the Lord.

1. Our bodies are not our own (I Cor. 6:19c).

What are the effects of sexual sins?

- These sins affect our emotions which leads to slavery (I Cor. 6:12).
- I Cor. 6:18 tells us that these sins affect people physically.
- Spiritual consequences – Even forgiven sin has consequences.
- Eternal consequences – I Cor. 6:9-10; I John 3:1-10.

Yet, there are still other sins besides sexual sins.

Some sins are in the spirit and not just sins of the flesh.

We as believers are God's possession.

2. Our lives are bought at a high cost (I Cor. 6:20a).

This word (Greek: *agorazo*) means “*to be bought (state) v. — to be or become the property of another by purchase or by means of a financial transaction*” (Bible Sense Lexicon); *to buy, redeem, to purchase*.

We were bought by the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. We have been redeemed! Salvation is costly! Therefore, we should live in holy reverence and respect and love for what Christ did.

- **What we were not redeemed with – an insufficient payment (I Pet. 1:18a).**
- **What we were redeemed from – an incredibly bad past (I Pet. 1:18b).**

Before we were saved we were (v. 14) **1**) conformed to our old lusts. **2**) Ignorant (v. 18) - **3**) vain and useless way of life.

No matter how grand our accomplishments have been or how great we think we are we all fall woefully short of the glory of God.

- **What we were redeemed with – an infinite payment (I Pet. 1:19).**
 - **Christ's blood is precious because it is without blemish.**
 - **Christ's blood is precious because it is without spot**
- **Who redeemed us – an Incomparable Person (v. 19-21a).**

The act of Creation was the work of God's finger and the speaking of a Word. Redemption on the other hand cost Him His Son and His blood.

So why do we belong to God? Why are we His property? Why should we care about the indwelling Holy Spirit? Why should we live with the Holy Spirit in view?

Answer: We have a new owner! We are not slaves to sin and death any longer. Because of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, we have been purchased out of the slave-market of sin.

Therefore, we belong to God and not to ourselves.