

Freedom Series The Price of Freedom

Scripture Reading: [1 Corinthians 6:18–20](#)

Introduction

- Costs are up on everything. They go up almost every day. It seems like lately they've gone up more than they ever have before.
 - Why are things so expensive? Fear and Greed are probably the main components.
 - Because we live in a free country, freedom could also be a contributing factor.
- Someone once said “freedom isn’t free.”
 - It’s true, there is a cost for everything
 - If we want an organization, it costs time and sacrifice
 - If we want complete freedom, often it takes fighting and lives
 - If we want freedom from sin, that also takes a sacrifice
- Everything costs something.
 - Someone once said, “There ain’t no free lunch.”
 - People voted to raise minimum wage. Where’s all the money coming from to pay for that raise? It comes from the customers. Prices for gas go up. Prices for food goes up. Meals at restaurants go up. Lumber prices go up. Clothing prices go up. Electricity prices go up. Those who wanted to retire at age sixty-five now have to wait until they are seventy or maybe not retire at all.
- What is the price of freedom? For everything there is a cost
 - [Acts 5:1-11](#) Ananias and Sapphira paid too high a price.
 - They wanted some free publicity. It isn’t free.
 - They wanted to have a reputation of being generous, but it cost them their lives, because lying also has a price.
 - All sin has a price. Freedom from sin has a price.
 - Everything costs something, but not everything with money

1. We Were Purchased with His Blood

[1 Peter 1:18–19](#) knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

- The definition of redeem in this context is this, “gain or regain possession of (something) in exchange for payment.”
 - The payment exchanged for us was the blood of Christ
 - Another word used is ransom

[1 Tim. 2:5–6](#) For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...

- We were “kidnapped” by sin; our return cost the life of God’s son.
- Not just a little of His blood... **all** of it was needed.

2. The Church Was Purchased with His Blood

[Acts 20:28](#) Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He **purchased** with His own blood.

- Each of us was purchased and as a group, we were purchased
 - When you get a group of animals together, there are various words used to describe them
 - A group of geese is a gaggle; cattle—herd; monkeys—congress
 - A group of Christians is called “the church.”
- When Jesus died, it was a package deal.
 - He died for all that some would be saved
 - He died for the world.
 - He wanted everyone saved

[1 Timothy 2:4](#) [God our savior] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[Acts 2:47](#) ...the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

- If we want in on the salvation, we find that salvation in the church!

3. Our Body and Spirit Was Purchased With His Blood

[1 Cor. 6:20](#) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

- How we live and what we do is changed because of His blood

[Romans 12:1](#) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

- Our actions and our motivations so we honor Him with both
 - Jesus said to let our lights shine to glorify God [Matthew 5:16](#)
 - That involves good works, good behavior, and good words
 - God purchased each of these with the blood of Christ
- So we don’t commit sin of any kind, but live godly lives

Conclusion

- We live for Him because He bought our freedom with Christ’s blood
- That’s the price of freedom—The blood of Christ

[Romans 6:22](#) But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.