

## WHAT YOU BUY IS YOURS

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**Revelation 5:1-9**

**Introduction:** All of us understand the word "bought" for we are constantly buying and selling. We understand the rights of the buyer that what is bought belongs completely to the buyer and he/she can do whatever he/she wants to with it. The same principle applies to the seller. What is sold becomes the property of the buyer and the seller has no more claim to it. All these facts connected to buying and selling are understood by us all. The Bible speaks of a claim that Jesus has on each of us in that He has bought us. What is involved in us being bought?

### I. WHERE DID ANYONE GET THE RIGHT TO "BUY" US IN THE FIRST PLACE?

1. As Creator, Jesus Christ has a right to every living soul. When we create something, like carve something out of wood or we paint a picture, we say that WE made this or we made that. It is ours, we did it, we own it. Therefore since Jesus Christ created our very beings He does have ownership of us.
2. Jesus Christ has ransomed us from the power of Satan.
  - God has prohibited sin from the very beginning and there has always been punishment for committing sin.
  - Man fell into sin and by the law of God was made a slave of sin and of Satan.
  - There was a price to be paid for the redemption of mankind.
3. In old times during war, prisoners were made slaves, however the slave/prisoner could be bought by their relatives, friends or others for a price.
  - A ransom was to be paid for the prisoner/slave's delivery from slavery/imprisonment.
  - This is the very thing Jesus Christ has done for us.
    - Jesus gave Himself to take our place.
    - Jesus gave His soul for our soul.
    - He bore our death for us.
    - He gave His blood for our blood.
    - He gave His life for our life.
4. Jesus and Jesus alone has the right to us - not Satan - not the World - not even Ourselves.
  - Jesus Christ bought us and He alone has the right to our souls.
  - A price has been paid for us, an eternal price.

### II. JESUS MAKES A CLAIM UPON US

1. When we make purchases, we sometimes ask that what we bought be delivered to a certain place at a certain time. Jesus asks something similar to what we ask.
  - He asks that at the hour - where the Gospel is being preached - that the hearers should remove all authority they follow and surrender themselves totally to Jesus, Himself.

2. SIN is the chief authority over us all.
  - Since the fall of Adam sin has had a terrible hold on mankind and has become the very nature and habit of man.
  - We have no power to break the hold of sin but Jesus does.
  - Since Jesus bought us, the authority of sin over us has been forever destroyed.
3. THE WORLD is another authority over us all.
  - Everyday business, the needs of the world take control of our lives.
  - The world makes us promises, gives us enjoyments, temptations, such that we are unable to resist them.
  - With Satan ruler over this world we have to decide whom we will allow to be over us, whom we will listen to, whom we will serve, JESUS CHRIST or Satan.
  - Jesus has conquered Satan, so whom will we serve?
4. SELF is also an authority over us all.
  - Doing what WE want, seeking our own pleasures, our own prestige and recognition.
  - Jesus Christ asks that we pull down SELF from the throne of our lives and put Him on the throne of our lives.
  - How we deal with SELF in reality decides our eternal future.

### **III. JESUS RECEIVES US WITH GREAT JOY**

1. Have you ever felt so unworthy before God that you felt unworthy to be a part of God's family?
  - All of us have bought things and didn't we take possession of what we bought?
    - The higher price we paid, the more valuable it was and the more protective we were of what we bought.
2. When we buy something, we know exactly what we are getting. If what we bought isn't what we get home with, we take it back and demand we get what we paid for.
3. Jesus knew exactly what He was buying.
  - Jesus knew all of us (human race) were bad and sinful. Yet He went ahead and bought us.
  - There are people who deliberately buy old wrecked cars and trucks and take them to their garage and completely rebuild them and make them like new.
  - *"Christ died for the ungodly; while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us..."*
    - Jesus paid the price for those who will accept Him, for those who denied Him, for those who sold Him, for those who reject him.

### **IV. WHAT JESUS BOUGHT HE WILL PROTECT AND CARE FOR**

1. Any of us who pay a high price for something will take very good care of it, protect it, keep it safe, keep it looking good and healthy (if a living thing), and love what we bought and be proud of it.

2. Jesus has taken it upon Himself to care for us, watch over us, protect us, provide for us, help us, guide us, love us and use us in His work.
  - We are helpless in keeping ourselves from going astray.
  - We cannot make ourselves qualified or capable to be of service to Jesus.
  - We cannot keep ourselves in God's will so that we can always do what God wants.
  - We cannot understand God's Word as we need to by ourselves.
  - We cannot do it, but Jesus can.
  
3. Just as we want every part of our body to do what it is supposed to do and stay healthy, our eyes, ears, hands, feet, etc. so Jesus Christ wants the same of us. He wants to use us entirely, every part of our being in His service.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Once we finally recognize that we really do belong to Jesus we will finally see that:
  - Jesus has set a high value on us and will not allow any power to take us away from Him.
  - What we need to do is to "let go" and let Jesus have His way with us.
  - We need to learn how to trust Him completely.
  
2. We can be relieved as we remember that a possession is cared for BY IT'S OWNER....