

# We were Purchased with His Blood

- *shepherd the church of God which He **purchased with His own blood.** Acts 20:28*
- *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*
- *know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though **He was rich,** yet for your sakes **He became poor,** that **you through His poverty might become rich.** 2 Cor 8:9*

# Jesus had Needs

- 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost – the need of compassion, mercy, love, and forgiveness.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the need to validate all God's promises made to previous generations, activating & energizing God's eternal purpose.
- It was only a plan until Jesus paid the price.
- Jesus' other needs revealed in figures:
- Head/Body; King/Kingdom; Vine/Branches  
Shepherd/Sheep; Husband/Wife;  
Master/Steward; Lord/Servants;

# The Needs Made the Purchase: Excellent

- *that He might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus. Rom 3:26*
- *He is **faithful and just** to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn 1:9*
- *For by one offering He has **perfected forever** those who are being sanctified. Heb 10:14*
- *with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having **obtained eternal redemption**. Heb 9:12-13*
- *None of this was possible without Jesus!*

# Making it Personal

- Am I worth it?
- *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*
- *who **gave Himself for us to redeem us** from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself **a people for His own possession**, zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:14*
- Everyone who obeys the gospel is purchased. The Judgement Day will reveal the value.

# Initial Purchase: No Guarantee

- *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet ... So it will be at the end of the age. The **angels will come forth, separate** ... Mt. 13:47-50*
- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter ... but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** ... then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, **you who practice lawlessness!**' Mt 7:21-23*
- The Ten Virgins      Talents      Pounds
- The Sower      Tares      Two Sons

# Jesus Gave Himself for us ...

- *who **gave Himself for us**, that He might **redeem us** from every lawless deed and **purify for Himself** His own special people, Titus 2:14*
- This is Jesus' side of the purchase.
- Fixed and Absolute:
- He redeemed us
- Purified us for Himself
- We **ARE** His own special people

## Why ... His Own Special People

- 15 His own special people, **zealous for good works**
- 8 those who have believed in God should be **careful to maintain good works.**
- 14 And let our people also **learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.** Titus 2:14-15; 3:8, 14

# Commands to the Preacher:

- *who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. **15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you. Titus 2:14-15***
- *Be Speaking: Present active imperative – a Continuous action.*
- *Exhort – call to one's side – encourage, persuade, move with emotion and zeal*
- *Rebuke – convict, show to be wrong, strong & convincing proof leading to repentance*

# Commands to the Preacher

- *This is a faithful saying, and **these things I want you to affirm constantly**, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. **These things are good and profitable to men.** Titus 3:8*
- *affirm constantly – dia, “intensive,” and bebaioo, “to confirm, make sure,” denotes “to assert strongly,” “affirm confidently” insist ... (Vine NT:1226)*

# Zealous

- *“It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming — in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning — 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”* (Mk. 13:34-37).

# Careful to Maintain Good Works

- Careful “to give heed,” “take thought,” “concentrate upon,” “think with concern,” “pay attention,” “be cautious about,” “attend,” “care about,” “regard.”

# Careful to Maintain

- *2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ... 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal. 6:2,9-10).*
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# learn to maintain good works,

- Learn “to learn, esp. by inquiry:” “learn by use and practice, “become acquainted, come to know” “acquire the habit of, be accustomed to:” “learn with a moral bearing and responsibility” “understand, comprehend,” “increase one's knowledge”

# Learn to Maintain

- *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, **let us use them**: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or **ministry**, let us **use it in our ministering**; he who **teaches, in teaching**; 8 he who **exhorts, in exhortation**; he who **gives, with liberality**; he who **leads, with diligence**; he who **shows mercy, with cheerfulness**.” (Rom 12:4-8).*

# Learn to Maintain

- *“And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”*

1Pet. 4:8-11

# learn to maintain good works,

- **Maintain:** “*take the lead*” “*preside over,*” “*lead,*” “*direct,*” “*care for,*” “*sponsor,*” “*arrange,*” “*apply oneself to.*”

# Maintain

- *but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. Eph 4:15-16*

- *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was **hungry** and you **gave Me food**; I was **thirsty** and you **gave Me drink**; I was a **stranger** and you **took Me in**; 36 I was **naked** and you **clothed Me**; I was **sick** and you **visited Me**; I was **in prison** and you **came to Me.**'*

# Parable of the Faithful Servant/Steward

- *Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." 41 Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?" 42 And the Lord said, "**Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?** 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Luke 12:40-43*