

Worth the Price

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any people hesitate to make a start to serve the Lord, because they fear that

God will not accept them;... I reply by another question: Will a man receive that which he has bought? If you go to the store and make a purchase, will you receive the goods when they are delivered? ... The fact that you bought the goods, and paid your money for them, is sufficient proof, not only that you are *willing*, but that you are *anxious*, to receive them. ...

“Now let us apply this simple, natural illustration to the case of the sinner coming to Christ. ... He has bought us. ...

“The price that was paid for us was His own blood—His life [eternal]. ... He ‘gave himself for us.’ Titus 2:14. ...

“He bought not a certain class, but the whole world of sinners. ‘For God so loved *the world*, that he gave his only-begotten Son.’ John 3:16. Jesus said, ‘The bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life *of the world*.’ John 6:51. ‘For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.’ ‘God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6, 8. ...

“‘But I am not worthy.’ That means that you are not worth the price paid, and therefore you fear to come lest Christ will repudiate the purchase. Now you might have some fear on that score if the bargain were not sealed, and the price were not already paid. ...

“But, further, you have nothing to do with the question of worth. ... He made the purchase with his eyes [wide] open, and He knew the exact value of that which He bought. He is not at all disappointed when you come to Him and He finds that you are worthless. You have not to worry over the question of worth; if He, with His perfect knowledge of the case, was satisfied to make the bargain, you should be the last one to complain. For, most wonderful truth of all, He bought you for the very *reason* that you were not worthy. His practiced eye saw in you great possibilities, and He bought you, not for what you were then or are now worth, but for what He could *make* of you. ... We have no righteousness, therefore He bought us, ‘that we might be *made* the righteousness of God in Him.’ [2nd Corinthians 5:21]” E. J. Waggoner, *Christ and His Righteousness*, p 69-73, (alternate paging 81-83)