

Payment for the Journey

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Romans 8:32 *He that spared not his own Son*
1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins*
Matthew 18:3 *Except ye be converted*
Matthew 28:18, 20 *All power is given unto me*
John 17:23 *[Thou] hast loved them*
John 15:9 *As the Father hath loved me*
Rom. 5:6 *For when we were yet without strength*
1 John 3:8 *He might destroy the works of the devil*
Psalm 105:37 *there was not one feeble person*

1 On our *journey to forever*, we will meet with expenses along the way, and God promises to never leave nor forsake us, but to *help* us and *provide* what is needed each day. There is one expense, however, we cannot ever pay of ourselves.

2 It is the debt of our sins—a debt that God takes care of. AV Romans 8:32 “*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*”

3 And “*all things*” includes all sin-debt—AV 1 Peter 2:24 “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.*”

4 The *price* for atonement of sins is the *shedding* of blood. AV Leviticus 17:11 “*For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*”

5 *Value* and *requirement* are two different things—and knowing the difference enables us to also know what *pays* the cost of having our sins forgiven.

6 The devil wants us to put *merit* where *conditions* belong. If the correct order is reversed, we do not get the intended results. Value/Merit and Requirements/Conditions are both involved when dealing with God or when dealing with humans.

7 Jesus was born on earth so we could have a close and personal relationship with God. Our hope for Heaven depends on this:

8 AV Matthew 18:3 “*Verily I say unto you, “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*”

9 A child goes to a parent with any problem, because they trust them for a solution. We go to our Heavenly Father in the same way, because we trust Him for the solution, the answer, the deliverance, or the victory over Satan’s power.

10 Two things are required for a vehicle repair—value/merit to pay for the labor; and *conditions/requirements* to follow the mechanic’s instructions.

11 *Value* is the only legal reason to do the work; and *conditions* are the only way he *can* do the work.

12 It is required to take the vehicle to the shop for the work to be completed—that is *evidence* we *trust* them to *do* the work.

13 We then *believe* the mechanic when he tells us that the repair is completed. The same principles are involved when we ask God to heal us.

14 The value/merit God requires is the atoning Blood of His Son. It is the price paid for His services—and this pays for everything needed on earth while we wait for His return from Heaven.

15 AV Matthew 28:18, 20 “*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

16 Jesus bore all of our sins, sorrows, sicknesses, poverty and every other trouble in His body on the Cross—and He also gave us the power, love, and mercy of God to be with us every moment of our life because of His love for us.

17 Jesus prayed AV John 17:23 “*[Thou] hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*” And AV John 15:9 “*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you.*”

18 Love motivates us to *do* amazing things for someone—it is a powerful incentive!

19 God’s divine love for *us* compels Him to give *us* His Son to die in our place—that also gives us His divine *power* to do amazing things; to fulfill every *need* and satisfy every *desire* we might have.

20 Since we have *nothing* to offer God for atonement, we are compelled to depend on the *merit* of the *Blood* of Jesus.

21 This enables us to *pray in faith* and receive the answers by faith. God’s omnipotent power is supported by pure love.

22 God does not do these amazing things *for* us because of anything *in* us or any value *of* us.

23 It is His deep *love* for us that enables His power to work for us—and when He is *for* us, nothing else can be against us Romans 8:31-32.

24 On our *journey to forever*, we keep in mind that we have *no merit* and are *void of worth*, but still Jesus gave His life for us.

25 AV Romans 5:6 “*For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*”

26 The value of the Lord Jesus is far beyond anything else—He was the *merit* payment for the removal of the sins, sorrows, lack of health, and troubles we encounter along our *journey to forever*—from the time of Adam’s fall to this very moment.

27 *Atonement* provides *deliverance* from Satan’s influence and control for everyone who has ever lived—but so many do not *know* about the *value* and *requirements* that are part of receiving the *benefits* of this Atonement.

28 As far as value is concerned, it *paid* the cost for every soul who ever lived. If they *knew* that, they could *claim* what it provides.

29 NKJV 1 John 3:8 “*The Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*”

30 Everything is free because His Blood paid the cost—we just meet the *conditions*.

31 The conditions are *depending* on God alone and accepting His written promises by faith.

32 In all human transactions, we have to make a decision about *whom* we are going to deal with and *whom* we are going to trust.

33 In trusting God, when the human *element* is out of the way and we are depending on the living God alone, His power will deliver us.

34 When an item is purchased at a store, there are two things involved for a successful purchase. We need the money/merit to *pay* for

it—and we need the condition/requirement of actually making the purchase at that store.

35 To just *look* at the item but not *decide* we are going to take it, results in not getting the item. A decision must be made to take it. So, when we decide to depend on God alone, He promises to deliver us.

36 The whole world could pray *against* us, but it could *not prevent* God from delivering us since the *value* for the victory has been paid.

37 If conditions are met, we are promised the victory in Christ. That is our remembrance today!

38 Communion focuses on the Passover Lamb—the Lord Jesus Christ. It is to recall the greatest of all events in the history of the world.

39 After the *merit* of the blood was on the door, God specified the *conditions* to be met:

40 NKJV Exodus 12:11 “*And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover.*”

41 Depending on the *blood* as the value, and meeting the requirements God specified, resulted in protection from harm; healing of sickness; and blessings beyond counting.

42 AV Psalm 105:37 “*He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.*”

43 God led them through the Red Sea, and on to “*a land of milk and honey*” Exodus 3:8—everything anyone could want. God is still the same and the Blood still has its power.

44 When we make the decision to depend on the living God alone—instead of the plans, policies, and pills of the world, God

promises to lavish on us anything we could need or desire.

45 It will prove the reality of all the promises God has made in His Word. And it will definitely prove the fulfillment of AV Romans 8:31-32 “*If God be for us, who can be against us?*”

46 He gave His Son and will surely give us all the peace, protection, provisions, health, healing, and change of attitude as well!

47 He is compelled to do that for us since the value of Atonement has been paid in full!

48 When Jesus ascended, He told His followers that because of His returning to Heaven they would not be able to ask Him for things in person, as they had previously.

49 KJV John 16:23-24 “*In that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.*”

50 *Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*”

51 It can take many *things* to make us *joyful*; or it can take many *changes* for us to enjoy real peace and contentment—

52 but when the Blood of Christ is our only *Value*, and we accept God’s gift by faith as the *Condition*, we will see spiritual fruit in our life, and progress toward seeing our *joy complete!*

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