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WE WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

From the Pastor's Desk

A Heavy Price Was Paid

1 Cor. 6:20 & 1 Peter 1:18

When I first came to Hillside, the office for the secretary was in the dining room of the parsonage and, when we moved into the building, she graciously gave up her very nice office and moved into the cold, musty, and somewhat smelly basement. After finding out that doing any kind of work was nearly impossible with three young children running around upstairs above her head, she decided to move to the church and create an office there in the room where the library was.

When she moved, she left a small picture on the wall that remains there to this day. The sign has nails crisscrossing in the shape of a cross and with lettering overlapping it stating that "You were bought with a price." This statement is found in 1 Corinthians 6:20 in which Paul is exhorting the Corinthians to live a worthy life in the body as well as in the spirit.

The church in Corinth believed that they could sin freely in the body because they were saved in Christ. Paul counteracted that mindset by reminding them that they were the temple of Christ who were bought with a price and that they were not their own.

This is a message for all of us today, in body and spirit we are not our own. Why? Because we were bought with a price, a very heavy price. That price is the spilled blood of Jesus and His is the blood that covers and sanctifies the very soul of everyone who calls upon Him for salvation.

In 1 Peter 1:18 we read that Jesus redeemed us with His blood and He bought us fair and square and now He owns us lock, stock, and barrel. Thus the cost for our salvation was very pricey and through His blood we are now not our own, but His.

As way of illustration, many of us know the value of ownership with simpler things of life. When you own a house, you want to take care of it. You have the final say on how you take care of it and how you upgrade it. Any changes you make, you do so by your own will or finances and the house does not have the ability to make such a decision.

Why? Well, besides the fact that it is an inanimate object,

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day



Feb. 4, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then engage in a Bible discussion.

Feb. 5, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Feb. 12 – Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. -- 1 John 4:7

Feb. 22 – Washington's Birthday

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

the house is not its own, it belongs to you. Same goes for anything else you bought and now own. Similarly, we are not independent of God because we were bought with a price, a very heavy price. When we wrap our minds and hearts around this truth, we will then live a life that recognizes that He has the final say by which we are to act or behave.

The one who accepts the fact that they are not their own in Christ is one who tries to live for Him. That means that every decision that is made is considered in the light of answering to the Savior and Lord.

When we realize that we are not our own, we in turn choose that which is right and reject that which is sinful. This means we do not seek to justify our actions or make light of them. We should not do such a thing because to make light of our sin and actions makes light of the sacrifice that Christ suffered on the cross on Calvary.

We must never forget that the Father who is in heaven does not make light of such a sacrifice because the price was too

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great. It cost him the life of his Son, Jesus Christ, thus we must not make light of it either.

Ultimately, living a life for Christ means putting aside our will and desires for the obedience and direction He seeks to instill in us. In the upcoming days, weeks, and months, I encourage you to take time in your busy day to ponder upon this statement; “You were bought with a price.”

If we remember this in our lives we will truly start living a life that shows we have indeed been bought. We will live like we are not our own, but instead owned by the great God of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ.

✠ Pastor Jim

Men’s Breakfast

On Saturday, Feb. 4h at 8:00 a.m., the guys are meeting for Men's Breakfast. We always have a good home-cooked meal and then engage in a congenial discussion of the scriptures.

We are currently working our way through the Book of Judges, which reads like a spiritual roller coaster the way Jews of that time kept straying away from God to worship pagan gods only to later repent of their sins and return to God.

So get up early and come and join us.

Property and Space Patrol

The driveway and parking areas have been plowed nine (9) times so far this winter. My thanks go to Pastor Jim and Connor for shoveling the walkways.

There are still a few more months of possible snow storms before we're in the clear again.

✠ Pastor Al

Thank You

On October 17, Jesse Page was told that he had a very invasive brain tumor. On November 16 he died. He was very courageous in his final days, facing with assurance that he would soon spend eternity in heaven with Jesus, his mother, and so many others that had gone before.



He was certain that all pain, surgeries, and discomforts would soon be over. Based on the Bible, Jesse has arrived at that place Jesus that has gone to prepare. It won't be long until we meet again. (John 14:1-6).

We thank you all for your thoughtfulness during these trying days. We received many sympathy cards, calls, and many attended the memorial service for Jesse. Thank you for those who took the time to visit him in the hospital and the nursing home. I specially thank Pastor Jim for being there throughout this time.

I have reminders every day that Jesse is gone, see him at every turn, sort of expect a phone call from him. Reality sets in day by day. Each of us lose loved ones. When they are gone, it's OK to continue to talk about them, or to mention their names. They are more than a name with dates on a tombstone. They are firmly planted as part of our lives, and though gone, memory of them cannot be erased.

"The Eastern Gate" by I. G. Martin

If you hasten off to Glory,
Linger near the Eastern Gate,
For I'm coming in the morning,
So you'll not have long to wait.

O the joy of that glad meeting,
With the saints who for us wait,
What a blessed, happy meeting,
Just inside the Eastern Gate!

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” --Martin Luther King, Jr.

✠ Pastor Al

Early Days of the Christian Faith

Gutenberg's Revolution

[The following story comes from *Eerdman's Handbook to the History of Christianity*. Note that for centuries before, books had to be painstakingly copied by hand at great expense, making them affordable to only the wealthy.]

A completely new dimension in the history of books scholarship, and education opened up with the invention of printing – sometimes called Germany's Chief contribution to the Renaissance. Printing from carved wooden blocks had been know in China since the fifth century AD, but was not known in Europe until the middle of the 15th century.

About 1445, Johann Gutenberg (1400-1468) began to pioneer with movable metal type at Mainz, Germany. Of significance was the fact that the first complete book known to be printed in the Christian world was the Bible (1456).

Until 1462 the new art remained a closely guarded secret in Mainz until the city was plundered that year and the printers dispersed. Within two decades, the invention spread north, south, east, and west. Printing presses were set up in Rome

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in 1467, in Paris in 1470, in Cracow in 1474, and in Westminster in 1476.

By the time Luther was born in 1483, printing was well established throughout Europe. It was the most momentous invention since the stirrup and a revolutionary step forward in technology. Like the invention of gunpowder (rediscovered at about the same time), the application of printing to book production held a tremendous potential for good and evil in subsequent history.

The printing press was important in the early spread of the Reformation. The writings of the first German Reformers (Luther and Melanchthon) reached a comparatively wide public in printed form within weeks, and were soon being read in Paris and Rome.

At the height of the Reformation, in the last years of Luther's life, busy printers enabled the anonymous work, *Benficio di Christo* (which more than any other book spread the doctrine of justification by faith in Italy) to sell 40,000 copies in Venice alone after its publication there in 1543.

Printing created a new demand for reading material. One Paris printer rushed through an edition of 24,000 copies of Erasmus' *Colloquies* on hearing a rumor that the Sorbonne was about to condemn it. Thus printing helped prepare the way for the Reformation.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to anyone who is celebrating another orbit around the Sun this month. If we missed out on mentioning your birthday, please contact the editor and we will be sure to include you the next time.



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month:

2/15 Michael & Gail Frascinella

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It will be our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

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Happy Valentine's Day



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