

## Remember the Price of Your Salvation!

### ➤ Intro:

- **memorials remind us** of the price of freedom
  - **pic.:** Korean War Memorial (my experience) – **Freedom Isn't Free – someone had to pay the price**
- - **pic.:** Lord's Supper (our experience today) – **Freedom From Sin Isn't Free – someone had to pay the price**
- - **lesson today:** Remember the Price of Your Salvation!

### ➤ God gave His only begotten Son

- **Jn. 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
- **illus.:** Sept. 15, 2007, Sat. before last, Jordon Lyon, 10 years old, sacrificed his life to save his drowning sister
  - **Jordon gave his life** to save Brittany – **God gave His Son to save us all**
  - **the feelings people have for Jordan should be multiplied toward God, Jesus**
- **When you're required to give, in service to God, think of what God gave for you to be saved, and your burden won't seem so heavy!** – sin, habit, relationship

### ➤ Jesus left heaven

- **Phil. 2:5-7** emptied self, took on form of bond-servant (slave), came in flesh (**Jn. 1:14**)
  - **illus.:** imagine what it would be like to leave heaven, and come back to earth, once you are there
- **Jesus had to empty Himself** to take a fleshly body, and **you must empty yourself** to take on the new (spiritual) man – **empty for us = repent of sin** – Paul: die daily; Jesus: deny self, take up cross daily follow

### ➤ Jesus lived a lowly life upon earth

- **poor, lowly, despised socially**
  - **Jn. 1:45-46** Nathanael, later an apostle also called Bartholomew, prejudice based on birth place
  - **When you feel pity for yourself, because of what you don't have, remember Jesus' life, and the things He gave up for you!** Who her is. . . only clothes on back, no personal \$

### ➤ - ordinary physical appearance – as a servant, slave - Phil. 2:7

- **Is. 53:2** no comeliness, nothing to attract people – ordinary, not popular, lots of peer pressure

### ➤ - overcame temptation

- **Heb. 4:14-16** tempted in all ways as we are, so He could be our High Priest, and we could have confidence
- **When you're tempted, remember the price of your salvation, and flee sin!**

- **illus.:** man was thinking about cheating on his wife, thought about his wife's sacrifices, and about how much it would hurt her, and fled adultery – **sin is adultery against God, cheating on God**

### ➤ - no home, wife, family of His own, totally committed to ministry (1 Cor. 7)

- **Lk. 9:58** lived as a homeless man the days of His ministry, depending on friends to help Him
- **When you pray, thanking God for your family and home, remember what Jesus gave for you to be saved, and have your own godly home!** – he didn't have a home, so you could

➤ **Jesus gave Himself up to die on the cross**

- **Eph. 5:25-27** Jesus gave Himself up (cross, scourge, crown of thorns, shame), reasons. . . .

- **illus.:** plane crashed in the forest, mother and 3 year old daughter survived with injuries, mother had a candy bar with which she sparingly fed the child, mother got weaker and weaker till she died of starvation hours before rescued, but the child lived – **mother gave herself up for the child**

- **Rom. 15:3** “For even Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, ‘The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on Me.’”

- **Remember the Price of Your Salvation!** – When you. . . .

➤ - **Is. 53:4-11** description of Jesus’ suffering, so we could be saved, **paid for our sins**

- **1 Pet. 2:24** “and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

- **memorial:** observed today, Jesus’ crucifixion

➤ - **pic.:** Lord’s Supper – **fruit of the vine, rep. blood**

- **1 Pet. 1:18-19** not redeemed with silver or gold, but the **precious blood of Jesus**

- **Review**

➤ - **Remember the Price of Your Salvation!**

**Summary / Inv.**

- **every time you struggle** (trials, sin, temptation), **think about everything God and Jesus sacrificed** for you, and **keep going**

- **inv.:** if not a Christian, or not living right as a Christian, think about. . . .

**Hero, 10, died saving sister**

**Paul Britton**

**15/ 9/2007 Manchester Evening News** (England) – parts omitted for sermon illustration

A BOY of 10 who gave his life to save his drowning step-sister has been hailed a hero.

Jordon Lyon jumped into a pond in Wigan when Bethany Ganderton, eight, got into difficulties.

Two anglers saw Bethany `clinging' on to Jordon as he tried to reach the side.

John Collinson, 63, and Albert Wright, 66, used a rod and a net in a bid to save them.

Albert waded in and took hold of Bethany but Jordon slipped underneath the water due to her weight, an inquest in Bolton was told.

Paramedics fought to revive the unconscious boy, who was not breathing, and he was airlifted to the Royal Preston Hospital. He later died at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.

**"Clearly Bethany would not have survived if someone did not help. The person who went to help was Jordon, without any fear for himself or his own safety.**

**"The weight of Bethany no doubt pushed him under the water. The fact that Bethany is still here today is a tribute to Jordon and the fishermen. He died a hero.**

**Jordon gave his life to save Brittany – Jesus gave His life to save us all**

**The feelings Brittany has for Jordan should be the feelings we have for God and Jesus – and much more**

**- God gave Son / Jesus gave self**