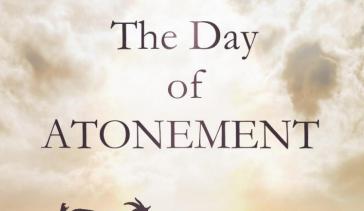


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The statement: If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it.

The price of human salvation was the price of eternity...many had asked what it would cost. Perhaps a first born child. The life of a lamb? Just what would it cost to repair the damage of sin? What makes something really expensive. One thing that makes an item really expensive is what it is made of...precious metals or jewels...the rarity of the resource. But many things are worth much more than the materials they are made of. What makes them worth so much? Some things are expensive because of who handled them. Others are valuable because they represent an ideal. Others cost a great deal because of the effort needed to produce them. Some things are worth astronomical amounts because they represent a dream or goal. What is a life worth?



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John 11:49-52

49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 "nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."

51 Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

#### Matthew 26:28

28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.



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This 1963 Ferrari GTO won the French Tour de France in 1964. Driven by one of the most famous race car drivers of all time. It is the thing of dreams and hopes. Much of the most valuable things to us represent our hopes, dreams or aspirations. The materials and technology this car are now obsolete but it represents a dream. A dream worth 70 million. Leviticus 16:1-3



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### Leviticus 16:1-3

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before the LORD, and died; 2 and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. 3 Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering.



Salvator Mundi, by Leonardo da Vinci, c.1500 [restored above] 2006 – after cleaning [left] Series: Living in the Atonement Hebrews 9:19-22



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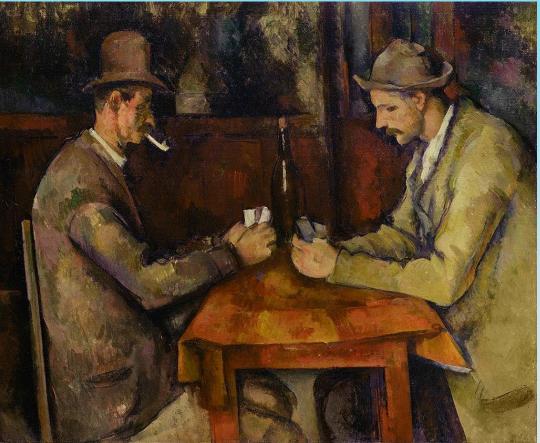
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### Zechariah 11:12-14

12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter" — that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter. 14 Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Matthew 27:1-10



Les Joueurs de cartes, by Paul Cézanne - 1894-95 – "The Card Players"

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Les Joueurs de cartes, by Paul Cézanne represents an era when painting was transitioning. Cezanne had a tremendous impact of many modern painters and was copied by such painters as Picasso. In fact this very painting was a model for an early painting by Picasso. This painting was the highest priced painting until 2017. It was sold for 250 million in 2011. Valued in 2020 dollars at just over 300 million. It's value is in its transitional nature and what it represents.

Isaiah 55:1-5



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1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you — The sure mercies of David.

4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."



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Patty Hearst was kidnapped in 1974 and held for ransom. Her ransom, at the time was one of the largest ever paid at 6 million. Her captors identified themselves as an urban guerrilla militia Symbionese Liberation Army. Instead of being released she joined the militia and participated in criminal activity [bank robbery]. When she was captured in 1975 she claimed that she had joined the militia under duress.

It is difficult for us to understand the depth of the price God paid for our atonement. Paul in Romans 5 indicates that one might sacrifice his life for a friend or a person that was noble in nature. Paul indicates that Christ died for us when we were "sinners" and God's enemies.. Romans 5:6-11

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Romans 5:6-11

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.



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Reconciliation is the result of realized forgiveness. But for this to happen the person who is wronged must give up the right to demand justice for the offense. This is the result of the Greek word "aphaireo". It means to carry away an offense. The concept is that God in Jesus Christ shouldered the load of human guilt and carried it away to the cross. In Jesus, God took responsibility for our sin. Another Greek word "aphiemi" is translated "forgive" but the word means to "to send away out of sight" -God chooses no longer to consider our sins against us. Instead He sees the righteous ness of Jesus Christ who took our place. These two make it possible for God to appeal to us for reconciliation, this Greek word is "hiloskomai" it reflects an appeal for reconciliation. God, in Jesus Christ appeals to us to be reconciled with Him. Atonement has been provided in Christ but each one of us must choose to be reconciled to God.



Above – Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, 1936 Left – Sgt. Franciszek Gajowniczek, Polish army,1941 Series: Living in the Atonement Hebrews 9:19-22



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In 1941 Fr. Kolbe and Sgt. Gajowniczek were sent to Auschwitz Concentration camp. It was a brutal camp. Fr. Kolbe had been a remarkably successful Franciscan monk who had established monasteries in Poland and Japan. In the monastery he oversaw in Poland he had established a publishing wing and a radio broadcasting wing. When the German army overran Poland he transformed the monastery into a refugee center for Poles and Jews. He was arrested in Feb. of 1941.

Sgt. Gajowniczek was a professional soldier who had a wife and 2 sons [both sons died during bombing raids while he was incarcerated]. He was captured while trying to return home in 1939. He was transferred to Auschwitz in 1940.
In July of 1941 a prisoner escaped. The commandant of the camp selected 10 prisoners to be starved to death in a bunker as retribution for the escape. Gajowniczek was one of the ones chosen. At his pleas for mercy due to his family, Fr. Kolbe volunteered to take his place in the bunker. John 10:13-18



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13 "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

#### 1 John 3:16,

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.



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17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.



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