

How Priceless Are We?

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” , 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

You have heard people say, and I have no doubts in my mind that everyone in the world has uttered the words, “It’s my body, and I will do what I want” at some time in their lives.

It is, for the non-Christian, a very true statement. For the person who has accepted the Lord as their Saviour, they are tantamount to saying, “Lord, I invited you into my life, but I think you should leave now, and let me get on with my life!”

Paul refers to the body as a Temple of God. A place where God desires to meet up with His People.

If, for a minute, we change the word ‘Temple’ to ‘Tabernacle’ , we have, in the Book of Exodus, a beautiful description of how the interior was fitted out, Exodus 37:6-16.

1. The mercy seat was made of pure gold, verse 6.
2. Two cherubims, beaten out of one piece of gold, with one piece made him them, to stand either side of the mercy seat and facing each other, and their wings stretched out to cover the mercy seat, verses 7-9.
3. A table of shittim wood, a valuable, hard, and close-grained timber, that is too hard for insects to attack it. The table was overlaid with pure gold, and had a crown of gold around it, verses 10-11.
4. The dishes, spoons, bowls, and their covers were all of pure gold, verse 16.

Where does the atheist get the idea that man evolved from monkeys? Ask an atheist “Why do monkeys’ still give birth to monkeys’ ?” or, “Why do humans’ still give birth to humans’ ?”

Many years ago, I was talking to an atheist and asked her, “If, as you proclaim, if God did not create man, who created the trees, the bushes, the flowers, and the animal kingdoms, or from what id they evolve?”

In the Bible, David wrote, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well”, Psalm 139:14.

It is not a question of “Do you love God?”, but “Do you REALLY love God?”

The answer here is, if you really love God, you will only do the things that will glorify God in your day to day living.

We read earlier of how God wanted the Tabernacle designed and equipped.

Our opening Scripture also made it clear that God wishes our bodies to be a Temple where we can meet Him, and worship Him

Let us now consider the equipment God has installed in our Temples.

Salvation is by faith not works. Therefore, if God is in us, what will He do to us if we start belittling the Gift He has placed within us, for the Gift within us is far greater than gold or shittim wood, it is His Son’s presence who gave His Life for us.

The writer of Hebrews declares that faith is, “...the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”, Hebrews 11:1.

Is it time to check your ticket of faith, and make sure it is not a ‘scam copy’ ?

God is not outside our digestive system, He in our stomachs. God, Genesis 1:11-12, filled the Garden with herbs and fruit trees. That would fulfill every need of both the animal kingdom, and man’s requirements.

God checked it, it was GOOD, it was NATURAL. It did not have to be checked. It did not have to be processed. And it was not created in a test tube.

God looks through our eyes to see what we are looking at. What books or magazines do you look at? What DVD’s, films, or TV programmes do you watch?

God looks listens through our ears. Do you listen to gossip or scandal? Do you listen to songs or music that is spiritually

destitute?

God is in our minds. Your mind is the letter box for Satan' s garbage mail.

God is in our feet. He wants to ensure that we do not get too close to the edge of the narrow road of righteousness. God also wants to ensure our feet know where to go when He send us out on a mission of other people' s salvation.

God never said His Way would be easy. The above thoughts are there to challenge us. Challenging us to check our human weaknesses, and look to Him for strengthening.

Based upon the Scripture that defines the Church as the Bride of Christ, I close with three Scriptures,

“All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir” , Psalm 45:8-9 (David' s song of love),

and,

“I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir” , Isaiah 13:12.

You will become more precious than the gold used in the Tabernacle.