

"You paid how much?!" If someone asks you that question it probably means they think you paid the wrong price.



Maybe they think you got a great deal. Or maybe they're questioning your sanity because you paid entirely too much. When we think about the price that was paid for us—the church—we should probably ask that question.

Colossians 1:14 says that in Christ "we have redemption." That means we've been purchased. But at what price? Verse 20 says that this was accomplished "by the blood of his cross." Our forgiveness was purchased by his death. How much was paid for us?

Christ. The beloved Son of the Father. The Icon of the invisible God. The firstborn of creation. The one who reigns over all things, created all things, and sustains all things. Christ, who is over all thrones and dominions and rulers and authorities. Christ, the head of the church. Christ, in whom the fullness of God happily dwells.

For sinners. For you and me. Who deserve absolutely nothing from him but his wrath.

The price paid for you is Christ. And that is crazy.

Response:

There is no sufficient response to this truth. Just thanks. So today, in response, remember what was paid for you and thank God!

Prayer:

Father, thank you for lavish love so undeserved. Thank you for the price that was paid for me. Please forgive me for all the times I doubt that I'm loved—help me to remember and rest in the price paid for me. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.