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Meditation

Inflation

The prices seem to always go up. And when they do come back down, it appears never to be as low as they were prior. People have done quite industrious things in order to save money. I have heard it said that the most expensive, yet most delicious, tomatoes you will ever eat you grow yourself.

In the effort to save a little money, we often end up spending something else. An example might be if you couponed or searched for the best sales. What have you spent instead of dollars? You have spent time and effort, and, possibly, more gas or time in the car to get the best deal.

We are quite blessed with the internet these days and being able to do a quick google search for best prices or life hacks to get what we want for less. When it comes to the salvation of our souls, people still attempt to “get the best deal” or shop around for the best option.

Countless religions around the world tell us we can earn or work our way to heaven. Or there is no heaven or hell, therefore what we do on this earth doesn't matter as long as it doesn't harm someone else. People attempt to cheapen the steep cost of our souls. *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.* (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). “*For what can a man give in return for his soul?*” (Mark 8:37).

As Christians, we are no longer our own. We are God's people. We belong to Him, heirs to His kingdom (see James 2:5). Thankfully, there is no inflation on our salvation. It was paid once by Christ. The cost of our redemption will not continue to go up, nor do we have to purchase it over and over again. Salvation no longer depends on our perfection because Christ was perfect for us.

Praise be to God for the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit in Jesus as our Savior!

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