

The Believer's Part in Becoming Spiritual

“What? Know ye that ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price?” Bought! Not my own because—bought! I had thought that by yielding I would be conferring the ownership of my life upon Christ. But that day God revealed to me that *I already belonged to Christ* by the right of purchase and that Christ’s claim to the undivided possession and control of my life was an absolutely legitimate one.

This claim I had to admit but still I would not yield. How patient He was with my incredible stubbornness! Very tenderly He opened my eyes and illuminated them that I might see Christ crucified. “Bought with a price”! Oh! THAT PRICE! “Redeemed—with the precious blood of Christ!” This the price paid for me! The life of the spotless, stainless Son of God laid down for my sinful, selfish life! That day I saw a Saviour dying for a sinner! A Life given for a life!

Up to that time I had been saying, “Must I give myself to Him?” But that day I cried, “Lord, may I give myself to Thee?” and I yielded all that I was and all that I had to Christ for time and for eternity.

And what was the basic motive in that act of yielding? It was just the joyous response of love to Love following the spiritual apprehension of the reasonableness and rightfulness of Christ’s claim upon my life. Then may I