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It's Suppertime

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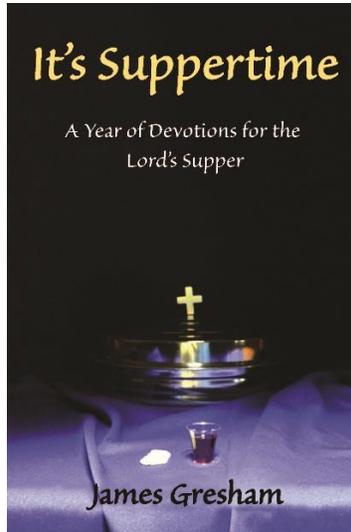


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Chapter 2

Sticker Shock

Most of us experience “sticker shock” from time to time when the price of an object we were planning to purchase is much higher than we expected. In some cases, the price is also higher than we can afford, and we’re forced to choose a cheaper alternative or do without that item entirely. Other times, we have no choice, and we just have to pay the high price because the item or service is something we cannot do without. Sticker shock fades, though. The first couple of times you pay “the highest price ever” for gasoline, it hurts, but after a few times it becomes normal to you, and you don’t give it much thought.

Do you ever experience sticker shock when you think about your salvation?

Do you think God did?

We didn’t pay the price for our salvation, God did. The price was steep—it couldn’t have been any higher. The amazing thing is, he didn’t have to pay that price; God owed us nothing. He could have walked away but he didn’t. He paid the price he did not owe for a debt we could not pay so that our sins could be washed away and we could be reconciled to him.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:6–11)

But what about us? Are we still shocked at the high price God had to pay for our salvation, or have we become so used to the idea that we don’t give it much thought? The Lord gave us this Communion meal as a remembrance of him. We can’t remember him without thinking about what he did for us, and we can’t think about what he did for us without being overwhelmed by how much it cost him to do it.

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