

When it's good news to know you don't belong to yourself

"Do you not know that ... you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

Consecration is simply the constant recognition of the fact that we are the Lord's and not our own. He who learns that and lives in the constant recognition of it--he is consecrated.

Nor is this a hard thing to do in itself. People make it hard for themselves by thinking it to be what it is not, and trying to accomplish it in a way that is not the Lord's way. And in truth, going about it in another than the Lord's way, they cannot possibly do anything else than miss it.

Is it a fact, then, that we are the Lord's? Of

course, for it is written: "You were bought at a price." And the price is "the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:19). For He "gave Himself for us" (Titus 2:14).

This "price" was paid. "One died for all" (2 Cor. 5:14). Having died for all, having given Himself for all, it is certainly a fact that all are His.

He not only gave Himself for us, but for all there is of us, yes, even for our sins. For again it is written that He "gave Himself for our sins." And He did it "that He might deliver us from this present evil age" (Gal. 1:4), that He might "purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14), that He might present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24). In one word, "that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

God so loved us that He wants to save us. But He cannot save us in our sins. He will save from our sins. And as our whole self is sin and sin only,

in order to get us, in order to buy us, He had to buy our sins also. [1]

Note:

1. Jones, The Present Truth, Vol. 9, NO.2, Jan. 26, 1893.