

Price Tags Changed

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For a prank, a man broke into a department store and switched price tags on various merchandise. He placed cheap tags on expensive things and expensive tags on cheap things. So on the next day, people would come in, and some little trinket would be marked \$239, and some finer merchandise would carry a 15 cent label. But this kind of things is not new. The devil has been doing it for centuries. The things of God are the things of real value while material things and the things of the world are mere tinsel. But man has changed the price tag!

Man's soul is of inestimable worth; it is more than all the world (**Matt. 16:24-26**). Man's body is of clay; it will return to the dust (**Eccl. 12:7**). The soul will live in eternity. Thus, the soul has the greatest value. But man has changed the price tag! To most people, the body and its comfort and pleasure occupies first place. The soul is considered as a cheap thing. Many even deny its existence. In this manner the devil accomplishes his aim — he leads men to sin and damnation. Sin is horrible. It is to be shunned by all (**1 Thess. 5:21-22**). But man looks only at the glittering lights and the veneered surface and sees the pleasures of sin. To him, godliness is something for old ladies or the Puritans of past centuries. The price tags have been reversed!

God's plan of salvation is essentially significant. Baptism is a divine requirement. But men have invented a cheap salvation that leaves baptism out altogether. Others have marked down the price tag on baptism and have made it sprinkling (**Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4**). Again, the price tag has been tampered with.



Heaven is a better country. Its worth is seen in the words and symbols used to describe it in **Revelation 21-22**. The glory of that celestial city shall never cease to glow. The joy that it holds is immeasurable. It is well worth every sacrifice made and every persecution endured (**1 Pet. 1:4-9**). Yet, many have removed it from the sales counter — they say it does not exist. Others think the earth is more important. Oh how disappointed they will be! Don't mark down the price tag! Look at the standard price book — the Bible!