I. Cross Revealed Love Of God
   A. Two parables analyzed to show price He paid (Deut. 7:6–8)
      1. Treasure in the Field (Matt. 13:44)
         a. The man found treasure hidden in the field
         b. The field is the world (Matt. 13:38)
         c. The treasure is God’s foreknown people buried in the world
         d. To obtain treasure the man had to sell all to buy the whole field
         e. God’s ministers must dig out the treasure
      2. The Pearl of Great Price (Matt. 13:45–46)
         a. The pearl is each individual redeemed soul
         b. The merchant knew its true value
   3. Interpretation
      a. The man/merchant is Jesus
      b. The price was the blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28)

B. Old Testament pattern of blood sacrifice (Lev. 16:11–14—Day of Atonement)
   1. Censer of incense; blood of the sacrifice
   2. Blood sprinkled seven times

C. New Testament—sevenfold sprinkling of Jesus’ blood
   1. His sweat (Luke 22:44)
   2. Struck on the face with rods (Matt. 26:67 [compare Micah 5:1])
   3. Flogged (Matt. 27:26)
   4. Beard pulled out (Is. 50:6 [1 Pet. 1:10–12; Psalm 16; Is. 50:5–6; 52:13–15])
   5. Crown of thorns (Matt. 27:29)
   6. Crucifixion (Matt. 27:35)
   7. Spear in Jesus’ side (John 19:34)

D. Spiritual application of shed blood (Lev. 17:11)
   1. Blood makes atonement for souls
   2. Soul is in the blood (Is. 53:12)

II. Ministry Of Gospel
   Recovering the treasure for which Jesus died

III. How To Know Your Value In God’s Eyes
   Picture yourself as the pearl in the hand of Jesus

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