



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Who Can Pay So Much?**

Dr. Oswald J. Smith told of a Russian Czar who loved to disguise himself and mingle with his subjects. One night, while visiting barracks, he noticed a young officer asleep at a table with a loaded revolver and a note listing a number of gambling debts. Under the long list of debts the officer had written, "**Who can pay so much?**" Stooping over, the ruler wrote under the question, his own name--**Alexander**, and quietly left. When the officer awoke he picked up the revolver and raised it to his forehead. Before pulling the trigger, he glanced once more at his list of debts. Startled, he saw the Czar's name boldly written there. He realized the Czar had been there! He dropped the gun; and sure enough, the next morning a messenger came with a bag of money from the Czar--**enough to pay his debts!**

Each of us has an enormous debt of sin that we are utterly unable to pay. Upon conviction of our massive debt of sin we ask the terrifying question, "**Who can pay so much?**" The answer comes from God's Word: **Christ!** "**God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them**" (2 Cor. 5:19). The account is settled when we confess and repent of our sins believing in Christ's atoning death on the cross and receiving Him as our Savior. "**As many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name**" (John 1:12). In our church we sing, "**He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay; I needed someone to wash my sin away. Now I sing a brand new song-Amazing Grace. Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.**"

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