

He shed it unto the last drop, to show the excessive love of His Sacred Heart, and that there is "with Him plentiful redemption."

That Precious Blood tells us our own worth, the real value of life and the use we ought to make of it. Not the whole world could stand in comparison with a soul, nor could all its riches buy a life. "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver, but with the Precious Blood of Christ as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled." "For you are bought with a great price, glorify and bear God in your body." Soul, body, life, all have been bought by Him. All are His by the clearest and dearest of titles—purchased by His Blood. All must be used and employed for His service. And yet how many useless, aimless, frivolous, empty lives! Alas, how many sinful lives for whom that Blood was spilt in vain? And would it were only in vain!

Finally, the Precious Blood tells us the boundlessness and the intensity of the happiness in store for us. The splendor and magnificence of the mansion must be an equivalent of the price paid for it. How could the bliss purchased by the most Precious Blood of an Immaculate Lamb be but such as eye of earth hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor heart conceived! Short the trial, the struggle, the suffering; eternal the reward! "These are they who are come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and the Lamb shall lead them to the fountains of the waters of life, and God shall wipe away the tears from their eyes."