No Extra Charge

When I was younger, I had a lot of sports related injuries—twisted ankles, broken legs, and of course sprains, hyperextensions, stitches, and bruises. Sometimes my family had insurance to cover the medical costs and other times we didn’t, and man was it expensive! I remember seeing one of the bills as an older teenager and thinking, “How is my family going to afford all of these costs?” There were times when my parents had to make payments for my medical care for long periods of time. Now that I’m a Dad, I’ve had my own adventures with my kids at the doctor’s office and it still costs a lot to get fixed up! However, the bill for the birth of a child is much larger and intimidating than a broken bone. When your child is born at the hospital, you end up making the place your home for a few days and it costs a lot (and the food is not even that great)!

Regardless of your payment method or insurance plan, one thing is for sure, someone or some insurance company is going to have to pay an extremely steep price to bring that child into the family. Of course, it’s all worth it when you get to bring the newborn baby home and introduce them to their new family.

Ephesians 4:4 tells us that we, as Christians, are “one body.” When we give our lives to Jesus Christ we are immediately born into the family of God, which the Bible calls the body of Christ. We are spiritually reborn and everything becomes new! We should never forget that it cost Jesus His life for us to become a part of His family. Isaiah 53:5 says, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” We don’t have to pay any monthly or annual fees, or make any long term loan payments because Jesus paid for our rebirth in full! By His stripes we are healed and by His sacrifice we have become a part of His family.

The next time some difficulty comes up with another brother or sister in the body of Christ, remember that you are siblings and that the Father paid the same price to bring each of you home to the family. He gave His one and only Son, Jesus Christ. You don’t have to make any payments; you’ve received the free gift of salvation…no extra charge!

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