

Lesson #4—The Perspective of Redemption.

Introduction

- A. God created us as persons—to walk in fellowship with Himself.
 - B. The Fall of Man and our own sin has almost totally destroyed this relationship.
 - C. God, in great mercy, has spoken to us in Jesus Christ. We are the recipients of divine revelation.
 - D. In this lesson we consider the great truth of redemption. We are redeemed people—reconciled to God by the death of Jesus Christ. II Cor. 5:18-21.
- I. **The Basis and Nature of Redemption: The Love of God in the Representative Work of Jesus Christ.**

John 3:16—

Romans 5:6-11—

Romans 8:31-39—

Ephesians 2:4-10—

Colossians 2:10-15—

II. **The Character of Redemption: It is Personal, Historical, Once-For-All.**

A. The Character of Redemption Stated.

1. It is **personal**: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died to redeem persons.

John 10:11, 14, 28, 29—

Acts 20:28—

Romans 5:8—

II Corinthians 5:21—

Galatians 2:20—

2. It is **historical**: Jesus Christ, died and rose again, in historical transactions.

John 19 and 20—

Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15; 5:30-32; 10:39-41; 13:29-31—

I Corinthians 15:1-8—

3. It is **once-for-all**: Jesus Christ, in His Crucifixion and Resurrection, redeemed His people in a single representative transaction.

Romans 6:10—

Hebrews 7:27—

Hebrews 9:26-28—

Hebrews 10:10-14—

I Peter 3:18—

B. The Character of Redemption Explained.

1. Reflected in the assurance of God the Father's Word, Hebrews 6:17-20.
1. Reflected in the assurance of God the Son's Office.
 - a. He is our High Priest, Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16; 7:23-28; 8:1; 9:11-28.
 - b. As High Priest, He is the believer's Forerunner (Hebrews 6:20); Surety (Hebrews 7:22); and Mediator (Hebrews 8:6; 9:15).
3. Reflected in the assurance of God the Holy Spirit's Presence. He is the believer's Seal and Earnest, II Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 14; 4:30.

III. The Product of Redemption: The Believer's Twofold Relationship with God.

	Crucifixion	Resurrection	Ascension	Pentecost
Salvation	Provision of forgiveness and Justification	Provision of eternal life	Provision of deliverance from Satan	Provision of the New Birth with Holy Spirit Baptism
Sanctification	Progressive cleansing from sin	Progressive enablement to live virtuously	Progressive freedom from Satan	Progressive anointing for life and service
	Exhortation Eph. 4:22	Exhortation Eph. 4:24	Exhortation Eph. 4:27	Exhortation Eph. 5:18

The Salvation Standing

The Sanctification State

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| <p>All 1. Given as a gift (Rom. 6:23)</p> <p>The 2. Without degree (Col. 2:13b)</p> <p>Benefits 3. Permanent (Rom. 11:29)</p> <p>Are: 4. Based only on the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3)</p> | <p>All 1. To be claimed (Jn. 16:24)</p> <p>The 2. With degree (II Peter 3:18)</p> <p>Benefits 3. Transitory (I Cor. 9:27)</p> <p>Are: 4. Based on the Person and work of Jesus Christ and our cooperation of faith (James 4:2, 3)</p> |
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Summary:

1. In salvation the believer is adopted (Romans 8:15, 16); accept, holy and forgive (Eph. 1:4-7); Justified (Rom. 5:1; 8:1-4); and seated in the heavenlies (Eph. 1:18-2:6).
2. In sanctification the believer is blessed with all spiritual blessing for living of the Christian life (Eph. 1:3; II Peter 1:3).

IV. The Responsibility of Redemption: The Rest and Work of Faith.

A. The Rest of Faith: Believe God.

Matthew 11:28, 29—

Romans 5:1—

Phil. 4:6, 7—

Hebrews 4:1-11—

B. The Work of Faith: Assume the Responsibility to Respond to God.

1. Obey the commands related to the Christian life, Eph. 4:22, 24, 27; 5:18.
2. Implement the Call of God related to Christian service, I Cor. 1:9; Gal. 5:13, 14; Phil. 2:12-16; I Thess. 4:7; II Timothy 1:9-11.

1. MADE FOR GOD - FELLOWSHIP
2. DESTROYED BY SIN
3. SPOKENTO BY REVELATION
4. REDEEMED

Conclusion: Suggestions for Memorization and Application.

- A. Memorize Ephesians 1:3-6.
- B. Apply this lesson by daily making the following affirmation.

I accept the truth that I have been blessed with all spiritual blessings, that I have been chosen by God for salvation, that I am holy, without blame, adopted and accepted by God and that I am completely forgiven.