

Session # 6

The Power for Spirituality -- The Redeeming Work of Jesus Christ

Introduction

- A. God created us as spiritual persons -- to walk with Him and serve Him.
- B. The Fall of Man and our own sin has almost destroyed that relationship.
- C. God in His mercy, has come to us in Jesus Christ. He is our our provision so we may be brought back into a living relationship with Himself.

I. The Key to Redemption: The Person of Jesus Christ.

- A. Divine justice and redemption required the Savior be a member of our race.

- 1. He must be a divine-human.
- 2. He must be our representative.
- 3. He must give perfect obedience.
- 4. He must present Himself as a priestly offering.
- 5. He must present an offering of infinite worth.
- 6. His offering must possess vicarious transference.

Gal 4:4,5

- B. Jesus Christ more than met all this criteria. The sufficiency of His sacrifice on the Cross was demonstrated in the reality of His Resurrection. Rom 1:4

II. The Basis and Nature of Redemption: The Love of God in Christ's Representation.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Eph 2:4-6

Comment: The Lord Jesus came to be our Representative. We were seen by the Father as living in Christ, dying in Him, being resurrected and ascending in Him. Today, all believers are seated with Him in Heaven. All the value of His representative work was imputed to us in the new birth.

III. The Character of Redemption: It is Personal, Historical, and Once-For-All.

- A. It is personal -- Jesus Christ died to redeem persons.

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20

- B. It is historical -- Jesus Christ died and rose again in historical transactions.

Christ died for our sins ... was buried ... and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve, after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once ... I Cor 15:3-6

C. It is once-for-all -- Jesus Christ met every demand of divine justice.

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God ... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Heb. 10:12-14

Comment: What does it mean for Jesus Christ to die for us as a person, in a historical and once-for-all manner? It means assurance, security, joy, and peace. Rom 5:1; 8:1; Eph 1:13,14; Heb. 6:17-20; 7:22-28; I Jn 5:13

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

A. Diagram # 1

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

B. Diagram # 2

	<u>The Salvation Standing</u>	<u>The Sanctification State</u>
All	1. Given as a gift Rm 6:23	All 1. To be claimed Heb 4:1-3
The	2. Without degree Col. 2:13b	The 2. With degree II Peter 3:18
Benefits	3. Permanent Rom 11:29	Benefits 3. Transitory I Cor 9:27
Are:	4. Based only on the person & work of Christ (Eph 1:3)	Are: 4. Based on the person & work of Christ and our practice of faith James 4:2,3

IV. The Responsibility of Redemption

A. Believe God regarding redemption -- the rest of faith, love, and hope.

For we which have believed do enter into rest ... There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb 4:3-9

B. Obey God regarding redemption -- the work of faith, love, and hope.

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love. Gal. 5:6

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