

Sermon Title: Redemption Story

Scripture: Psalm 130

Speaker: Pastor Ian Bonthron



1. Pray for _____

Psalm 130:1-2 ESV

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! 2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Romans 3:10-12 ESV

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

2. Have confidence of your _____

Psalm 130:3-4 ESV

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Colossians 1:13-14 ESV

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

3. _____ in the Lord

Psalm 130:5-8 ESV

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

1. He _____ into God's Word

2. _____ God's steadfast love

Psalm 63:3 ESV

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

3. _____ to God as his redeemer

Isaiah 64:4 ESV

4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

Romans 8:31 ESV

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

"Can you think of anything (I mean anything) that is more comforting and assuring and delighting than that the Lord in his majesty is for you?"

—John Piper – "Solid Joys" Day 72

_____ on the Lord for His Redemption

Discussion Questions – April 14, 2024 – Stories of Redemption

Getting to know you Questions:

1. Have you ever been trapped in a room, pit, or difficult space? What was it? How did that make you feel? How did you try to get out?
2. Hopelessness is a very dangerous attitude. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Into the Bible Questions:

Psalm 130

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3. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
4. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
5. In Psalm 130:1, the psalmist writes about an experience of being in “the depths” or them feeling alienated from God because of their sin. Can you think of a time you felt alienated from God because of the guilt of sin or the results of sin?
6. What steps have you taken to try to get out of that pit? What has worked and what hasn’t?
7. What did the psalmist do to get help?
8. In Psalm 130:4, Explain how forgiveness would produce “fear” of the Lord. What would this look like in your life?
9. When you “wait” on God to redeem you, what do you normally do?
10. How would hoping in God and his steadfast love help you deal with your sin?

For Extra Study:

Read the following passage: 1 Peter 1:17-19

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

11. How does 1 Peter 1:17-19 connect hope in the Lord and Fear?
12. What part does Christ play in our redemption?
13. What do you find challenging about trusting God?
14. What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?
15. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

Application Questions

1. Do you normally confess your sins to God or try to move on? Why?
2. This week, how could you spend time in God's Word to help you experience His redemption?
3. What stood out from Justin's story of redemption?
4. Who do you have in your life that you could trust to help you with the depths of your sin? How could they help hold you accountable and help you look to God?
5. What steps will you take this week to cry to God while you are in "the depths"?