

Session 13: The Son's Role in Our Salvation

Redemption

Key Passage: 1 Peter 1:18-20 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you..."

Five key statements:

- "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things..."
- "But with the precious blood of Christ..."
- "As of a lamb without blemish and without spot..."
- "Foreordained before the foundation of the world..."
- "Manifest in these last times for you..."

The meaning of ransom and redemption:

Release from a debt through the payment of a required price.

- **λύτρον: Matthew 20:28** "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many..."
 - **Release by means of a required payment.**
- **ἀντίλυτρον: 1 Timothy 2:6** "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time..."
 - To release from debt by means of a required payment.
 - The preposition ἀντί is the strongest way possible in Greek to communicate substitutionary language.
- **λύτρωσις: Hebrews 9:12** "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us..."
- **ἀπολύτρωσις:**
 - **Ephesians 1:7** "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace..."
 - **Romans 3:24-25** "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood..."

Fact 1: This is an actual event in history:

- **The nature and significance of this event was predicted in the numerous Old Testament books:** 700-1000 years before the event
 - **Our sin-bearing substitute: Isaiah 53:1-12**
 - **Forsaken by the Father: Psalm 22:1**
 - **Pierced: Zechariah 12:10**
- **The timing to the day of this event was predicted in Daniel:** 600 years before the event
 - **Daniel 9:24-26** "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself..."
 - **The Persian King Artaxerxes commissioned the rebuilding of Jerusalem on March 4, 444BC** "From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince..."
 - **Christ entered Jerusalem on the Passover week on March 30, 33 AD**
 - **These two events were separated by 483 years (units of 360 days) to the day:** "Seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks..."
 - **The Providential fulfillment: Galatians 4:4-5** "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons..."
 - These events occurred at the exact moment God predicted.
 - This day corresponds perfectly with the Passover which was instituted to point to the cross.
 - God worked meticulously in the details to bring this moment to pass.
- **The four gospels recorded it as first hand witnesses: John 19:32-37** "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might

believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced..."

- **Secular historians verify this event:**

Fact 2: His body was given for us: "My body given for you"

- **Our sin was placed on Christ:**
 - **1 Peter 2:24** "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness..."
 - **Isaiah 53:11** "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities..."
 - **Isaiah 53:12** "He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many..."
 - **Hebrews 9:28** "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many..."
- **He was punished for our sin:**
 - **Isaiah 53:5** "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed..."
 - **Isaiah 53:10** "It pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand..."
 - **Galatians 3:13** "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us..."

Fact 3: His blood was shed for us: "The new testament in my blood which is shed for you"

- **His blood "remitted" our sins:**
 - **ἄφεσις:** Forgiving a debt through an acceptable payment made on one's behalf:
 - **Matthew 26:28** "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins..."
 - **Colossians 1:14** "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins..."
 - **Hebrews 9:22-28** "Almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission...now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many..."
 - **νάφεσις:** Passing over an offense until it can be dealt with later.

- **Romans 3:25** "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God..."
- **Summary:** Without the cross and Christ's blood, God would have been unjust to forgive sin and treat sinners as if they had never sinned.
- **The blood established a New Covenant: Hebrews 9-10**
 - **The Old Covenant served an important function, but it was inadequate to fully deal with our sin:**
 - **It pointed to a better covenant:**
 - **9:9** "A figure for the time then present..."
 - **10:1** "A shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things..."
 - **It could not cleanse the conscience: 9:9** "In which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience..."
 - **It only provided temporary purification: 9:13** "The blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh..."
 - **The New Covenant is better on every level: Hebrews 9:11-15** "Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle...by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us...if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience...for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance..."
 - **Christ's death and the shedding of His blood for us, ended the Old and established the New: 10:9-10** "He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all..."

Fact 4: He faced God's wrath against our sin: "Remove this cup...nevertheless not my will but thine be done..."

- **He understood He could not escape this cup: John 18:11** "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

- **The cup is a symbol of God's judgment poured out against sin:**
 - **God's judgment on the nations: Jeremiah 25:14-15** "Many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands...Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it..."
 - **Those who reject Christ: Revelation 14:10** "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb..."
 - **The wicked city Babylon:**
 - **Revelation 16:19** "Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath..."
 - **Revelation 18:5-6** "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double..."
- **He experienced this judgment in His own body on the cross for us:**
 - **1 Peter 2:24** "His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..."
 - **Isaiah 53:5** "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him..."
 - **Isaiah 53:10** "It pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief..."
- **He experienced estrangement: Matthew 27:45-46** "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
- **He committed Himself into the Father's hands: Luke 23:44-46** "The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."
- **He finished the work: John 19:28-30** "Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled...said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost..."

Fact 5: Only these actions establish the basis of redemption to God:

- **We have been redeemed to God: 1 Peter 1:18** "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot..."
- **That redemption came through His body which bore our sins:**
 - **1 Peter 2:24** "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..."
 - **2 Corinthians 5:21** "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him..."
- **It came through His blood shed for the remission of our sins:**
 - **Romans 3:25** "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God..."
 - **Hebrews 9:22-28** "Almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission...now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many..."
- **We need to ponder the significance of redemption:**
 - He willed to redeem us to Himself despite the personal cost His Son would experience.
 - It was impossible to be redeemed to God without the cross.
 - Christ faced the just wrath of His Father against our sin as He hung on the cross.
 - This wrath was temporary but sufficient to satisfy God's justice.
 - Christ submitted willingly to God's purpose in the cross.