

## INTRODUCTION - THE NEED FOR REDEMPTION

### I. What Is Redemption? (VIDEO: Ethan Hallmark)

1. Ethan Hallmark (died in 10/14); I want to build you up (recap last week)

#### 2. Redemption In Society

(1) Rehabilitation

i. I have moved passed it; put it in the past

(2) Recovery

i. It made me a stronger person

ii. It is helpful...but not necessary, therefore rather be avoided.

#### 3. Redemption In Scripture

(1) Redeemer OT: (a name)

**Isa. 47:4** *Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel.*

i. ga'al - kinsman (kinsman-redeemer)

(2) Redemption NT: (a completed action)

**Eph. 1:7** *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace...*

i. apolytrosis - completed action; state of being

### II. How God Redeems

#### 1. Means of Grace

(1) What are means:

i. Preaching is a means of instruction; a means of grace

ii. Communion is a means of observance and worship; a means of grace

iii. Community is a means of God's care for us; a means of grace

(2) Defined (latin):

i. red - back

ii. emere - buy

iii. Set slaves free

(3) Saving Redemption

**Romans 3:23-24:** *...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...*

**Romans 6:18:** *...and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness...*

i. Jesus is the only means of saving redemption

(4) Sanctifying Redemption

i. Many means of completed that process

#### 2. Therefore, Nothing is Wasted

(1) But, redemption is process whereby nothing is waster as a potential means of grace

i. It is necessary...not just helpful, therefore cannot be avoided.

**1 Cor. 15:58:** *...give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...our work in the Lord is never wasted.*

# THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION (v12-12:7)

## I. Our redeemer redeems us through unsuccessful plans (v12-27)

### 1. Exposition

- (1) Edom and Moab's Land Rights Respected:
  - i. Edom and Moab declined
  - ii. **Map:** Edom (Bottom left); Moab (Bottom right)
  - iii. Israel did not attack
- (2) Amorites (near Medeba):
  - i. Petitioned their king (Sihon)
  - ii. He attacked and God gave them victory
- (3) Concluding arguments:
  - i. Argument from history: What do you mean "your land"? It was the Amorites land.
  - ii. Argument of divine right: Yahweh gave them this land; you'll have to be content with what Chemosh gave you
  - iii. Argument of precedent: When Israel entered the promised land, Balak, King of Moab never laid claim that it was "his land"
  - iv. Argument of inaction: Why have you done nothing for 300 years?

### 2. Illustration

- (1) 10 year anniversary back in California; Florida - I thought I was going to grow old there.

### 3. Application

- (1) Sometimes our plans don't work out. We don't know why.
- (2) Molech:
  - i. was a fire-god with the face of a calf;
  - ii. his images had arms outstretched to receive the babies who were sacrificed to him. L
  - iii. like their gods, the Ammonites were cruel.
  - iv. This is not the first time they were asked for terms of treaty (1 Sam.).
  - v. he proposed gouging out the right eye of each Israelite man.

**Amos 1:13:** *Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of the Ammonites, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.*

- (3) Sometimes your plans don't work out because God has plans of His own.

**Prov. 19:21:** *Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.*

- (4) What about your plans?

## II. Our redeemer redeems us through unexpected pain (v28-40)

### 1. Exposition

- (1) The Ammonites don't want to listen, they want war
- (2) Made an untempered vow: worthless to head (value becomes vanity); didn't care who paid
- (3) But look who paid....his own daughter; not sanctioned by God

### 2. Illustration

- (1) Florida - just expose him; resulted in my dismissal

### 3. Application

- (1) His daughter's life was redeemed in three ways:



- i. Knocked Jephthah off us his pedestal.
  - ii. Her worship was deepened and strengthened
  - iii. Her death become a national holiday of contrition and worship for God's people
- (2) Just as this experience was painful for Jephthah, my own experience was incredibly painful for me and family; I had a choice...to be consumed with bitterness and anger (which I almost was) ...or to allow God to redeem what had just happened.
- (3) Just as each of you are have gone through, are going through or will be going through something painful.

**Rom. 5:3-5:** *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame...*

- (4) There are things that need to produced in us and through us, that pain accomplishes.
  - i. That's not sexy, but it is good news.
- (5) What about your pain?

### III. Our redeemer redeems us through untruthful accusations (v12:1-6)

#### 1. Exposition

- (1) Now the 2nd time Jephthah been accused by family:
  - i. Ammonites: descendants of Lot (cousins)...who Israel helped in previous history
  - ii. Ephraimites: our own household

#### 2. Illustration

- (1) Father's Day announcement: Failure to submit; my blood families reaction

#### 3. Application

- (1) Two lessons:
  - i. Blood is not thicker than water
  - ii. Accusation produces adoration

**Matthew 5:11** *"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

- (2) Adoration:

- i. God knows the truth, when others speak lies.
- ii. God still pours his affection on you, when others pour hate
- iii. God will never forsake you, when others have.
- iii. You never know what small thing God might use: Sibboleth (Shibboleth)
- (4) What about your accusations?

### IV. Our redeemer redeems us through unfinished people (v7)

#### 1. Exposition

- (1) From worthless to head. All along the way making so many mistakes, 1 that killed his daughter.

#### 2. Illustration

- (1) God is not done with (former pastor) him, yet. Just like he's not done with me.

#### 3. Application

- (1) God is going to use all kinds of unfinished people as a means of sanctification, incl. you.
- (2) Jephthah is not what He's done...but who God has made Him to be.

**Php. 1:6** *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*



## **CONCLUSION: THE GOSPEL IN REDEMPTION**

**Titus 2:11-14** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us ...*

### **I. Jesus' In Redemption**

1. Our final redemption is brought about by the plan of God the Father
2. Our final redemption is brought about through the pain of God the Son
  - (1) Including accusation
3. Our final redemption is brought about in the power of God the Holy Spirit
  - (1) Who indwells unfinished people, assuring them of their completion on the day of redemption.

