



# The Kingdom Perspective

## The Bank Account of Faith

Hello, this is Pastor Don Willeman of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

What did Jesus do for us in His work of redemption? Well, the Bible uses a number of metaphors, but one of the most vivid is that of buying us out of spiritual and moral debt. As the book of Proverbs tells, a debtor is a slave to his debt. But in Christ, God has not only liberated us by paying off our debt, He has also filled our account with all His riches in Christ Jesus.

Think of it this way: Coming to faith in Jesus is like bringing your bank account to God. And the Bible tells us that, apart from Christ, our spiritual and moral bank account is running an impossible deficit. We've overdrawn so badly that we deserve to be locked up for a very long time. BUT when we come to faith in Christ, God makes Himself a co-owner, a co-signatory, on our account. And then, He proceeds to both absorb the tremendous deficit of that account and pour into it all the riches of His grace.

Thus, as Paul puts it in his letter to the Ephesians:

In him we have redemption [i.e., the payment of our debt] through his blood, the forgiveness of sins [i.e. the release from our moral and spiritual debt], in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. (Ephesians 1:7-8 NIV)

Do you feel spiritually and morally bankrupt? Do you feel like there is no way to get out of your great spiritual and moral debt? My friend, look to Jesus! No, debt of sin is too great that the riches of His grace cannot overcome.

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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”

~ Ephesians 1:3-10 (NIV)

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