

## The Kingdom Perspective Our Debt. His Riches.

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

The Bible tells us that because of sin, we have a debt that none of us can repay. In our sin we have offended an infinite God, and so we have an infinite debt to overcome. This means that the only hope we could possibly have is for an infinite being to step in and satisfy that debt. But, this is exactly what God did for us in Christ Jesus.

In Christ we have "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sin", that is to say we have been bought out of our debt through His life lavishly given to us and for us (Ephesians 1:7). In Christ's great love for us, He has assumed every penny of our great debt.

Allow me to illustrate it this way, imagine you are a young women from a poor family. As a matter of fact, you are in deep debt, a debt so deep that it would be impossible ever to overcome. But one day, out of the blue, a very wealthy man shows up at your door and offers to marry you. You are suspicious at first, even though you've known about this man from afar, as he is something of a celebrity. You've even dreamed of someday marrying him. But, of course, this is crazy, because who are you. He doesn't know you, and besides, you have nothing to bring to the table, but your poverty.

But, alas, this crazy dream does come true. And the moment you both say, "I do", legally all his wealth becomes yours and all your poverty becomes his. And because of His great wealth, you suddenly find yourself not only loved, but financially secure beyond your wildest imagination.

So it is with our sin. God's righteousness has swallowed up our debt of justice through our surprise bridegroom Jesus Christ.

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."

~ Ephesians 1:7-10 (ESV)

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