

## WALK IN THE REALITY OF REDEMPTION

- A. Introduction: We have been studying the subject of redemption. God has met every human need through redemption.
1. To redeem means to loose or set free by paying a price. The word redemption implies previous bondage. You only need to be set free if you are in bondage.
    - a. Mankind, apart from Christ, is in bondage to sin and its consequences.
    - b. But, through the Cross of Christ, God has paid the price to set us free. From God's point of view, we are free.
  2. In this lesson we want to begin to transition to talking about how to walk in the provisions of redemption, how to walk in the freedom redemption has provided.
    - a. In order to walk free you must know that the power which bound you has been broken and that you are free.
    - b. You must know that you are free and that you have a right to walk in that freedom.
  3. In this lesson we want to restate some things about the fact that you are free and that you have the right to walk in or experience that freedom.
- B. When we put all the words translated redemption with their various shades of meaning together, this is the definition we get: 1.) Jesus found us in the slave market of sin, sickness, death, and Satan. 2.) He came to permanently remove us from it. 3.) He paid the price to get us out. 4.) He restored us to full sonship as sons of God.
1. Jesus found us in the slave market of sin, Satan, and death.
    - a. Mankind, apart from Christ, is in bondage, in slavery, to sin, Satan, and death in all its forms.
    - b. The actions of one man, Adam, the head of the human race, brought the bondage. Rom 5:5-21
    - c. Identification--I wasn't there but what happened there affects me as though I was there.
  2. Jesus came to permanently remove us from the bondage of sin.
    - a. At the Incarnation, He identified with or joined us, united Himself with us, in our humanity. Heb 2:9,14
    - b. At the Cross He identified with or joined, united Himself with our fallen condition. He became all that sin and death had made man. I Cor 15:45-47; II Cor 5:21
    - c. At the Cross Jesus took our sin and all its consequences, all its curses, on Himself. Gal 3:13; Isa 53:6
  3. Jesus paid the price to get us out.
    - a. Jesus paid His own life, His own blood, to satisfy the claims of justice against us for our sins. Mark 10:45; I Pet 1:18,19
    - b. Because of the value of His Person -- Jesus was and is fully God at the same time He was and is fully man -- He satisfied justice and wiped out our sin. Heb 9:26; Rom 4:25; Rom 3:24; Eph 1:7
    - c. When He rose up from the dead free from our sin and all its consequences, we rose up with Him. Eph 2:5,6; I Cor 15:45-47
  4. Jesus then restored us to full sonship as sons of God.
    - a. Jesus freed us from bondage to sin, death, and Satan so that we could be made sons of God -- legally and vitally. John 1:12; Gal 4:4-6
    - b. As sons of God, we are now qualified to partake of the inheritance which belongs to sons of God. Col 1:12; Gal 4:7; Rom 8:17
  5. At the Cross, Jesus became what we were so that we could become what He is. He took what we had in Adam so that we could have what He has as a holy, blameless son of God.

- a. At the Cross Jesus took on Himself our sins and our sin nature (II Cor 5:21), our sicknesses (Isa 53:4,10), the wrath of God against our sins (Isa 53:5), our spiritual and material poverty (II Cor 8:9; Deut 28:47,48), our shame (Heb 12:2), our rejection by the Father and others (Matt 27:46; Isa 53:3).
  - b. When He rose up from the dead, He rose up free from sin and death in all its forms -- sickness, poverty, shame, rejection, enmity with God, unrighteousness, physical death, separation from God.
  - c. He was restored to health, riches, glory, acceptance, peace with God, righteousness, sonship, relationship with the Father, life -- all the things that belong to sons of God who have never sinned, sons who are not under the dominion of sin.
  - d. Whatever Jesus got, we got because He was there for us as us. Our inheritance includes everything that was given back to Jesus in the Resurrection.
6. Through redemption God has provided us with everything we need to live in this life as sons of God. He has given us everything we need to live and walk as the Man Jesus lived and walked when He was on the earth.
- a. How did Jesus live? He lived free from sin and free from sickness. He lived with authority over Satan. All of His material needs were met. He was able to help and bless others. He always pleased the Father.
  - b. Throughout His earth walk Jesus showed us what a man living free from spiritual death looks like, what a man with the life of God in His human spirit looks like, what a son of God looks like.
  - c. Anything you need to live and walk like Jesus has been provided through redemption -- full provision for your spirit, for your soul, and for your body.
7. The point of redemption was to set us free from the guilt and penalty of sin so that we could become sons of God like Jesus.
- a. Jesus is a son of God by birth, a son with the life of God in His human spirit, a son who lives by the life of God. John 5:26; 6:57; 10:38; 14:10
  - b. He is a son of God who is free from sin, Satan, and death in all its forms.
  - c. Redemption was and is a success. You are as free as Jesus is and you are as provided for as the Man Jesus was and is.
  - d. While on earth, Jesus showed us what a man living free from spiritual death looks like, what a man with the life of God in His human spirit looks like, what a son of God looks like -- all of which you now are because you are redeemed.
- C. To walk in the reality of redemption, to experience the benefits of redemption, there are some things you must know.
1. You must know that there are visible things and invisible things. II Cor 4:18
    - a. Visible things are physical or material. You can contact or perceive those things with you five physical senses.
    - b. Invisible things are spiritual or immaterial. You cannot perceive them with your five senses. God must tell you about them in His word.
    - c. Just because you can't see spiritual things doesn't mean they aren't real. They are real.
    - d. Eph 1:3--Because of redemption you possess invisible, spiritual realities. These invisible spiritual realities can change what you see and feel.
  2. You must know that it is not a question of having faith to get these things. The provisions of redemption are yours because you are born again -- whether you believe it or not.
    - a. Because of redemption, because you have been made just as if you never sinned, God was able to put His life (ZOE life, eternal life) in you at the new birth and make you a literal son by birth.

Whatever is in that life is in you now, because that life is in you.

- b. It's a question of knowing what you are and have because you are born again and acting on it, agreeing with it, until the invisible reality you possess because you are born again changes what you see and feel.
  3. You must know that there is opposition to your freedom. There are things which will challenge your freedom.
    - a. Your body is still mortal and subject to sickness.
    - b. Your mind is in the process of being renewed and your own thinking can be contrary to God.
    - c. You live in an earth populated with people influenced by Satan in varying degrees.
    - d. You live in an earth where things break and wear out.
    - e. There really are demons who do harass us.
  4. You need to know that it is never God who is opposing you or keeping you in bondage.
    - a. It may be the devil. It may be life in a sin cursed earth.
    - b. God's will for you is always freedom from every trace of bondage to sin, Satan, and death in all its forms. From His view point, you are free.
  5. You need to know that the devil does oppose us, but his tactics are primarily mental -- thoughts which contradict God's word, thoughts of doubt and discouragement.
    - a. When circumstances rise up to oppose you or to keep you in bondage, the thoughts are right there:
      1. You aren't free! Look at your body! Look at your circumstances!
      2. You aren't free!! Feel the pain, feel the hurt! You couldn't possibly be free and have that kind of pain!
    - b. You have to be able to answer those challenges with the word of God.
- D. We said in a previous lesson that what happened to the generation of Israel which God delivered from bondage in Egypt is called redemption (Ex 6:6). We can learn some things from what happened to them (I Cor 10:11). Consider these points.
1. When the Hebrew people were in bondage in Egypt, they belonged to Pharaoh and he had a right to afflict them.
    - a. When we were unsaved, the devil and the consequences of sin had a right to affect us, to exist in our lives, because we were guilty of sin and lived in the kingdom of darkness.
    - b. Pharaoh and his armies held Israel in bondage. They were powerless to escape. We were powerless to do anything about either our sin and its consequences or the devil and his influence over us.
  2. God heard the cries of His people in Egypt and sent Moses to bring them out.
    - a. Jesus found us in the slave market of sin and Satan and came to get us out.
    - b. It took the sacrifice of Egypt's first born to bring Israel out of bondage. It took the sacrifice of God's son, Jesus, to bring us out of captivity.
  3. God brought Israel out of bondage in Egypt through mighty displays of His power -- the ten plagues.
    - a. God brought us out of captivity to sin and Satan through a mighty display of His power -- the resurrection of Jesus.
    - b. God brought Israel out of bondage to bring them into the promised land. Jesus brought us out of bondage to bring us into the full position of sonship.
  4. When Israel walked out of bondage, Pharaoh and his armies pursued them and tried to re-enslave them. Even though we have been delivered from bondage to sin, sickness, and Satan, those things try to cling to us and follow us.
    - a. Ex 14:15,16--Moses had to use his authority to part the Red Sea and destroy Pharaoh.

- b. We have to use our authority to run those things off.
- 5. Authority is delegated power. God had authorized Moses to speak in His name, to administer His power through word and action. Ex 3:10-14
  - a. When Israel was trapped at the Red Sea, God told Moses to speak and act. Ex 14:15,16
  - b. When Moses spoke and acted as God has said, God's power brought visible deliverance. Ex 14:21
  - c. Jesus authorized us to speak and act in His Name. John 14:9-14
    - 1. The Man Jesus spoke His Father's words and did His Father's works by the power of the Father in Him. Then, Jesus authorized us to do the same kinds of things He did. v10-14
    - 2. Ask means demand. We don't demand anything of Jesus. We demand that trespassers go.
    - 3. If we speak His words and do His actions in His Name, His power will bring it to pass.
- E. Conclusion: To walk in the reality of redemption, you must understand God's part and your part in dealing with the challenges of life.
  - 1. Rev 12:11--We overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony.
    - a. God's part is the Blood of the Lamb or redemption.
    - b. Our part is the word of our testimony or saying we are redeemed.
  - 2. Through redemption God has delivered us from the kingdom of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His Son. He has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Col 1:13; Gal 3:13
    - a. From God's point of view, these are accomplished facts. Jesus has overcome sin, Satan, sickness, and death through His resurrection victory.
    - b. We share in His resurrection victory because when He rose, we rose. When He triumphed, we triumphed. When He was freed, we were freed.
  - 3. We now must add our testimony to redemption. Our testimony is telling what He has done for us.
    - a. Ps 107:2--The redeemed of the Lord are to say so -- to say what God has done.
    - b. When Israel came out of Egypt, God told them numerous times to talk about what He had done for them. Deut 6:20-25
    - c. Here is how the redeemed should talk.
      - 1. I am redeemed. Poverty, sickness, and the effects of spiritual death have no right to come on me. I am delivered. I am free!
      - 2. I am the righteousness of God in Christ. Guilt and inferiority have no right to oppress me.
      - 3. I am healed. Symptoms, I deny your right to exist in my body. You must go!!
      - 4. Fear, you have no place in my life. It is against the law for you to operate in my life!! I command you to leave in the name of Jesus!
  - 4. We overcome by redemption (the Blood of the Lamb) and by saying we are redeemed (word of our testimony).
    - a. This is not a magic formula. This is knowledge of unseen facts, invisible realities, which we possess because we are born of God.
    - b. This is speaking and acting on unseen, invisible realities with the confidence that God will bring these invisible realities to pass, bring physical, visible results to pass in our minds, in our bodies, in our lives. He will do it because we are redeemed and because He is faithful.