

# Redeemed

*“Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified...do you not know...that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price;” I Corinthians 6:11,19-20*

*“Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things...but with precious blood, the blood of Christ.” I Peter 1:18-19*

## A Bible Study for Beginners

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You are a slave. There is no escape. You have entangled yourself in your own wants and pursuits. You have followed after everything but God. Picture yourself in the slave market...weeping for your plight, but unable to purchase your freedom. You are without hope.

A King has been watching you from eternity past. He sees your wretched condition. He sees that your heart is totally self-absorbed. You have no love or regard for the King...and yet...He sends His only dear son to buy your freedom...not with gold or silver...not with lands and property. Horror of horrors, he offers His own son's life in exchange for yours. How could it be? You are the King's enemy. You haven't obeyed, trusted or even turned your face toward Him and yet He buys you from the slave market at an unspeakable price.

You're free! Free, to serve a new, better master...a perfect master...a master who demands everything of you. But the King goes further. He goes so far as to adopt you. You become His child. You have been given the rights and privileges of His own dear son. You have been set free. Set free to serve Him.

Galatians 4:4-9 "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem \* those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?"

*\*redeem – exagorazo to purchase out of the marketplace.*

# Who is God?

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Job 33:4** “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

**Psalms 90:2** “Before the mountains were born, Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.”

**Micah 5:2** “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel, His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

What do you learn about God from these passages?

**John 1:1-2** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

Who is the Word in the above verse? What do you learn about him?

**John 1:18** “No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father; He has explained Him.”

Visualize the picture in the above verse.

Sometimes our picture of God is sterile and separate yet as we study the Godhead in scripture their relationship with each other is interactive and close. They lived in the best kind of community.

# God's Creation

God decided to expand the community. He loves interaction. Did he need us? No, but he delighted to share.

**Genesis 1:1-4** “In the beginning God (el-o-heem, plural) created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light;’ and there was light, And God saw that the light was good;...

Read the rest of **chapter 1**.

What words in verse **26** show that God is plural?

List what God created each day.

Day 1 – **Genesis 1:3-5**

Day 2 – **Genesis 1:6-8**

Day 3 – **Genesis 1:9-13**

Day 4 – **Genesis 1:14-19**

Day 5 – **Genesis 1:20-23**

Day 6 – **Genesis 1:24-28**

Read **Genesis chapter 2**.

What were Adam's first two jobs? (**Gen. 2:15, 19**)

*Keep – shamar – to keep guard, preserve, protect to watch. The same word is used in **Psalm 121:3-7***

*The command given in **Genesis 1:28** was given after Eve was created. **Chapter 1** is an overview. **Chapter 2** goes back and gives more detail.*

What was the first command God gave Adam? (**Genesis 2:16&17**)

Why was Eve created? (**Genesis 2:20**)

Imagine what it was like. Describe what a perfect world have been like.

What does God teach us about Himself from the following passages? What has He made? What is He in control of?

**Job 38-39**

**Job 40-41**

**Psalm 19:1-6**

## Satan's and Man's Rebellion

First we will look at some verses that deal with Satan. Satan is sometimes addressed through the creature he is influencing, for example: serpent – **Genesis 3:4-15**; King of Babylon – **Isaiah 14**; King of Tyre – **Ezekiel 28**; Peter – **Matthew 16:23**.

Read **Ezekiel 28:12-18** and **Isaiah 14:12-15** and answer the following questions.

What do we learn about Satan's character before he sinned from these passages?

List his names.

According to Ezekiel 28:17 what was Satan's downfall?

List the "I will's" from Isaiah 14:13-14

Bob Kelleman in his book 'Soul Physicians' has this to say about Satan's actions. "This was mutiny, an internal insurrection, defiance of the King of Kings. This was an evil betrayal of God's good heart by the one being in the universe who best comprehended God's goodness."

## Rebellion on Earth

Next let's turn our attention to Adam and Eve, our first parents.

*"Ingrate, he had of me all he could have; I made him just and right, sufficient to have stood, though free to fall."* John Milton – Paradise Lost

Read **Genesis 3:1-24**.

How is Satan described in **verse 1**?

Why do you think Satan approached Eve instead of Adam?

Who was the command given to? (**Genesis 2:15-17**)

What question does he ask Eve? What was he implying about God?

How did Eve respond to his question? What did Eve add to the original command? (**2:17**)

What does the serpent tell Eve in **verse 4**? Compare it to what God said in **Gen. 2:16-17**.  
What is Satan saying about God's character?

Looking at **verse 5** what reason does Satan give for God not allowing her to eat of the fruit?  
(Remember what Satan's original sin was.)

Was Satan successful in seducing Eve to sin? List the things from verse 6 that tempted her to sin? (It might help to look at **I John 2:16**.)

By disobeying God what was she believing about Him? (See **Jeremiah 2:5**)

What was she believing about Satan?

What was she believing about herself?

Who did she convince to join her in her sin?

**I Timothy 2:14** “And it was not Adam who was deceived. But the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.”

Why do you think Adam gave in even though he had a clear command from God? Who did he choose to love more, God or Eve?

Who or what is consuming you? Who or what is your day to day focus? What do you crave more than life itself?

# My Rebellion

Read **Romans 1:18-28**

There are several examples of sin in the above verses. Do you see yourself in any of the things listed? Give examples.

**Matthew 5:20** “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Pharisees were the religious elite of Jesus day. They knew the scriptures and followed them meticulously.*

Our condition – Underline the words **all, everyone, no one, and none** in the following verses.

**Proverbs 16:5** “Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.”

**Isaiah 64:6-7** “For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind takes us away. And there is no one who calls on Thy name, who arouses himself to take hold of Thee; For Thou hast hidden Thy face from us, And hast delivered us into the power of our iniquities.”

**Romans 3:10-18, 23** “It is written, ‘there is none righteous, not even one; 11 there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; 12 all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one. 13 Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving, the poison of asps is under their lips; 14 whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; 15 their feet are swift to shed blood, 16 destruction and misery are in their paths, 17 and the path of peace have they not known. 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

**Romans 8:7&8** “because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

**Ephesians 4:18** “being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;”

Who are these verses talking about? What is our condition? Is anyone excluded?

Read **Romans 5:12-21** and then fill out the chart below.

**Contrast**

**Human condition**

**God's solution**

**v. 15**

**v. 17**

**v. 18**

**v. 19**

**v. 20**

**v. 21**

*We have all been totally corrupted by Adam's sin. John MacArthur calls it "an inbred disposition." It isn't a virus. It is a cancer. It won't get better with time. It will kill us. There is no soundness or goodness in us. We are as good as dead.*

**II Timothy 2:26** "and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

**Titus 3:3** "For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another."

**II Peter 2:19b** "for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved."

According to the above verses what or who are we enslaved to? What am I enslaved to?

# Redemption – My Hope

## The Redeemer on Earth

Jesus, the Son of God becomes a man. Notice and list all the details God wove together to bring this about.

### Matthew 1-2

### Luke 1-2

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Why did God send his son? What did sending his son accomplish?

*Redeem – exagorazo – to redeem by payment of a price to recover from the power of another, to ransom, buy off.*

*Redeem – lytroo – to release on receipt of ransom; to liberate; to deliver: from evils of every kind, internal and external.*

*Redemption – apolytroosis – a releasing effected by payment of ransom.*

Underline the word redeem or redemption in the following 6 passages.

**Psalms 130:7** “O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption.”

**Romans 3:24** “being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;”

**Galatians 4:4-5** “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

**Colossians 1:13-14** “For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

**Titus 2:14** “who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

**Ephesians 1:3-11** “Praise be to God for giving us through Christ every possible spiritual benefit as citizens of heaven! For consider what he has done – before the foundation of the world he chose us to become, in Christ, his holy and blameless children living within his constant care. He planned, in his purpose of love, that we should be adopted as his own children through Jesus Christ – that we might learn to praise that glorious generosity of his which has made us welcome in the everlasting love he bears towards the Son.

(7-10) It is through the Son, at the cost of his own blood, that we are redeemed, freely forgiven through that full and generous grace which has overflowed into our lives and opened our eyes to the truth. For God had allowed us to know the secret of his plan, and it is this; he purposes in his sovereign will that all human history shall be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in Heaven or earth shall find its perfection and fulfillment in him. (11) And here is the staggering thing – that in all which will one day belong to him we have been promised a share (since we were long ago destined for this by the one who achieves his purposes by his sovereign will)” – *Phillips translation*

Who redeemed us? With what did he redeem us? (What was the cost to Him?)

What were we redeemed from?

### **What our Life can be**

What does He offer us instead?

## **Importance of the Resurrection**

Not only was Jesus death key to our salvation but Jesus resurrection is a pivotal point of God's plan. Many people have died for a good cause. It isn't the dying that is extraordinary it is the coming back to life. Read the following verses and answer the questions after each one.

**From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up the third day. (Matthew 16:21 NASB)**

What three things did Jesus say would happen and were necessary for God's plan to be fulfilled?

**"who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, (Romans 1:4 NASB)**

What did the resurrection prove?

**Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. (Romans 6:9-10 NASB)**

What did the resurrection accomplish?

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (I Peter 1:3 NASB)**

**And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. (I Cor. 15:17 NASB)**

**For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. (Romans 6:5-10 NASB)**

How does the resurrection benefit us?

## My Response

*Gospel – evangelion – good tidings of salvation through Christ.*

*Repent – metanoeo – to change one’s mind for better, to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins.*

*Believe – pisteuo – to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in. saving faith.*

**Mark 1:14b-15** “Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**Acts 17:30** Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

**John 5:24** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

**Romans 10:9&10** “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

What do these verses tell us we need to do? What do we need to believe?

If we repent and believe what does God promise us?

**Ephesians 2:8-10** “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

According to Ephesians how are we saved?

Do our good works save us?

What did God create us for?

How have you responded to God?

**John 3:36** “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Just as Adam and Eve had two choices, life or death, you have two choices. I think Moses sums it up well in the following verses.

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20a** “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord, your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days,”

I beg you to choose life today. Please, don't put it off.

**II Corinthians 6:2b** “behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation.”

**II Corinthians 5:20b** “we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”