



REDEMPTION SERIES

“We Are Redeemed by Blood & Grace”

We're speaking on Redemption and what it actually means! The death, burial, resurrection, ascension and seating of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Father's right hand is literally the crux of Christianity!

Ephesians 1:3-7

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

7 ***In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*** KJV

Colossians 1:14

In whom we have Redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. KJV

****Redemption is about the forgiveness of our sins through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone!**

The POWER of the Gospel and our Redemption from sin is found in this great FACT! Jesus died, shed His precious blood, was placed in a tomb and arose on the 3rd day! And He did it **once and **for all for all humanity**. They participate in it when they simply believe it and receive it in their lives!

****What a powerful thought to consider! Before you and I were even born provision was made for us to be forgiven of all the sins we had yet to commit!**

*****Truth is all the sins we will still commit in the future have already been dealt with in Christ and there is now nothing that can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!***

****God has qualified you through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! God see's you in the blood of Jesus, washed, cleansed and brand new!**

****Our trouble comes because we see ourselves outside of the blood of Christ, still dirty and walking by deceptive feelings that contradict who we really are!**

- Religion today has left the wrong impression on people! They have placed many belief burdens on folks and made having a relationship with God more about what they do instead of focusing their attention on what Jesus did through His shed blood!

****The funny thing is that when people first come to faith in Christ, churches will sing great hymns like, "Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me...". It's as plain as day that religion believes that people can't save themselves, and they acknowledge that, but after they are saved, they teach them that they MUST Now DO something to maintain their salvation or to receive the benefits of the cross!**

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,

Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Galatians 3:1-4 (READ in AMP)

1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

1 O YOU poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated or bewitched or cast a spell over you, unto whom-right before your very eyes-Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified?] AMP

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? **having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?** KJV

- The great Apostle Paul had to bring correction to this church because since they started out on the right track they became derailed from God's grace! **This is like many church going Christians today!**

Q: How much fasting and praying did you do before you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?

A: Probably not much! You weren't trying to earn anything from God, you were simply believing and receiving something that Jesus had already done for you at the cross!

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. KJV

****NOTICE that while you cannot EARN salvation through your good works, you had already EARNED the wages that your sin produced which is DEATH!**

****SALVATION IS NOT A WAGE or SOMETHING YOU EARN...*It is a GIFT that Must be Received!***

- Remember that this great Salvation is ***"...to the Praise of the glory of His Grace! Not the glory of our works which are as filthy rags before the Lord!***

- There was NOTHING that any human being could add to what Jesus did prior to their New Birth nor can they add anything to it after their new birth experience!

****If I were to tell you that there is somebody in the service who has just died and I believe God that their life was cut short and we need to exercise our authority in the name of Jesus and raise them from the dead, I'm sure there would be a number of you that would say, *"I'm with you Pastor Mike, let's go now!* But then I turn and say to you, *"...You know I remember I have something else I need to do you all go and take care of it!"***

- *I'm sure some of you would argue with me and God saying something like this... "Well Pastor I'm not as anointed as you are and I haven't been praying as much as I should have been or I'm not living as I should have been living, therefore I can't take on such a monumental task! I don't qualify!"*

- *MOST of us who are here today would probably agree with that analyst concerning ourselves!*

****WE SAY... WE CAN'T...BECAUSE! WE CAN'T...BECAUSE! I CAN'T...BECAUSE!**

- We feel like we are not measuring up to some standard of holiness or Christian discipline like praying in tongues or fasting, or weeping between the porch and the altar! Look at this scripture...

Colossians 2:6

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: KJV

- Basically we are being told to ***STAY WITH HOW YOU STARTED! Once you get started on your journey of faith Paul tells us how to stay free from the deceptions that are sure to come...***

Colossians 2:7-10

7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:* KJV

Colossians 2:8

8 Take care that no one takes you away by force, through man's wisdom and deceit, going after the beliefs of men and the theories of the world, and not after Christ: BBE