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Redemption and Reconciliation

- **Redemption:** From the Greek apolutrosis (ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis)
"to purchase, to pay a ransom in full"

- **Prophesied**

Job 19:25

*25 "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.*

Isaiah 44:22

*22 "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud
And your sins like a heavy mist.*

Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 62:12

12 And they will call them, " The holy people,

The redeemed of the LORD";

And you will be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

Luke 2:38

38 At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

- **The Price of Our Redemption: The Blood of Christ**

Romans 3:24-25

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Acts 20:28

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Revelation 5:9-10

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

" Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Hebrews 9:12

12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

- Inseparable from Eternal Security

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Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Romans 3:24-25

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.

- Means we are not “free agents”.

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Colossians 1:13 & 14

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Titus 2:14

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.

(Cross-references...)

Acts 26:18

18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

2 Timothy 2:26

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.)

- Application in our ministry:
- Soberness and Seriousness in our approach to the ministry.

Acts 20:28

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

- We free our disciples from the law and instead motivate them to love Jesus.
- We warn our disciples that they are not free agents and should separate themselves from sin. They belong to God and the represent God as members of His family, as His children here on earth.
- Reconciliation NT:2644 katallage (kat-al-lag-ay'); restoration to divine favor.

Introduction:

- Many of the Epistles begin with - as in Galatians 1:3 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,”.
- In fact this occurs so often (over 15 times) that we tend to skim over it in our Bible studies.
- Yet this “peace” is made possible by the Doctrine of Reconciliation.
- It is no small thing that God who was angry with us, who considered us enemies, is now totally at peace with us.

- **The Problem:**
Ephesians 2:3
3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath , even as the rest.
Romans 5:8-11
8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
Colossians 1:21
21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds,

- **The Solution**
- **The Blood of Christ**
Colossians 1:19-20
19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.
- **The Suffering of Christ**
2 Corinthians 5:19
19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- **The Death of Christ (Many view the death of Christ as an afterthought)**
Colossians 1:21 & 22
21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach —
Romans 5:10
10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- **The Resurrection of Christ**
Romans 5:10
10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

- **Application in our lives**

Colossians 1:21-23

21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach — 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

- **Application in our ministry**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through **Christ** and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,*

*19 namely, that God was in **Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

*20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for **Christ**, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of **Christ**, be reconciled to God.*

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- It is all about Jesus

- The Reconciliation talked about in this passage is not bringing peace to the world, peace within the church, helping people to get along, but rather reconciling the lost, who are enemies with God to God. To bring peace with God to their lives through salvation in Christ.

- Realizing the depth of the enmity, wrath and impending judgment of God on His enemies, we aggressively appeal. Romans 5:8 is true but it goes beyond “sinners” to we were “enemies” of God facing the “wrath” of God.

Luke 14:23-24

23 "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.

Acts 2:40

40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, " Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Acts 18:4

4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 19:8

8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

Acts 28:23

23 When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

1 Thessalonians 2:11

It just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,

- The ministry of Reconciliation knows nothing of the passive, tentative, almost apologetic approach to the Gospel. It knows nothing of the presentation of facts in an unemotional way and then standing by and watching if the soul is born again or tumbles into the eternal flames of Hell. The ministry of Reconciliation includes an impassioned appeal to the lost.
- It is important for us to understand and the lost to understand, that we are not trying to Reconcile man to God but we are offering God's Reconciliation to man. It is not we want you to be Reconciled to the concept of God and believe in Him, but rather if you do not receive Christ and become Reconciled with God you are going to Hell.