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Redeemed in Christ

Ephesians 1:7

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

For your added benefit, there is also included six daily bible readings that supplement the theme of each sermon. Take time to gather your loved ones to read and discuss the texts.

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INTRODUCTION

While unbelieving mankind will forever be trapped in an ‘existential crisis’¹ at worse, or at best a ‘theistic existential delusion’² the eternal gospel of God presents to us here in Eph.1 what could rightfully be described as the most succinct expression of all meaning and purpose assigned to human existence which exists in literature. And on vital key in understanding it is our need as humans of redemption.

Eph. 1:7 “In whom (we have redemption) (through his blood, the forgiveness of sins) , (according to the riches of his grace) ”

~The Verse naturally divides up into three sections:

1. Who are redeemed in Christ? (a)
2. How are they redeemed in Christ? (b)
3. Why are they redeemed in Christ (c)

Continued Introduction: Concept of Redemption

I. WHO are redeemed in Christ?

FIRST – SPECIFIC and not UNIVERSAL

SECOND – SCOPE of the SPECIFIC

(a) Specific, not Universal

Jhn 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹ Never truly finding the meaning of their existence.

² A belief in a ‘higher power’ but still never knowing absolute meaning and truth related to one’s existence.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Matt.26:28 : For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- What about the places in Scripture that seem on the surface to imply that Christ died not for just a specific people but rather in a general way for all mankind utilizing words such as “all” and “world”?

They were communicating that the Jesus died for ALL MEN without DISTINCTION (ethnicity, male/female,etc) not without EXCEPTION (universal).

*** Let us now consider the FULL SCOPE of the “We”. Or in other words, having narrowed it down to a Specific People let us consider the fullest ‘SCOPE’ of that Specific/Particular People.*

(b) Scope of the Specific

(Three ways / senses lie before us: Ought it to be considered in the strictest (1) present sense meaning only applying to (Paul & Ephesians) or...(2) is it present and subsequent (Future) generations of believers/disciples...or (3) can it be possible that the scope is Past, Present and Future (including OT believers, NT believers and onward to the end of this present age)?

1689 Baptist Confession 26:1 “The catholic or universal church, which (with respect to the internal work of the Spirit and truth of grace) may be called invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect (chosen), that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.”

Gen.3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Heb:11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sara....(v13) These all died in faith, not having received the promises,

but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them,..."

Jhn. 8:56: "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

- Thus, the "WE" understood in its FULLEST SCOPE of SPECIFIC people chosen in Christ, refers to the entire INTRA-TESTAMENT family of Jesus who through faith are (v.6) "accepted in the beloved".

II. How are they Redeemed in Christ?

FIRST – Why Blood

SECOND – Uniqueness of Jesus' Blood

(a) Why Blood?

- Recall the bloody Cross-Work

1. God's Attributes

His Holiness: Ps. 5:5-6 "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

Prov.6:16-19 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

His Justice: Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" **Deut. 32:4** "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

- Perhaps we need to be reminded how the Bible describes us outside of the blood covering of Christ?

Isa. 64:6 "...we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee:"

Ezekiel 16:6 "...when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live."

***While we see from these Scriptures the nature of God and the seriousness of our sins in connection with the shedding of blood for redemption, let us now consider that we are taught here in this verse it was **uniquely and specifically** Jesus' blood which is what granted eternal forgiveness of sin.*

(b) **Uniqueness of His Blood**

1. **NATURE:** It is holy without sin. It is human but also divine in its essence. It can rightfully be considered God's own blood. This is in stark contrast to any creatures blood.

Heb.10:4 "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

2. **ITS POWER:**

Heb.10:13-18 "But this man (Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified (set apart, chosen).

...This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."

Hbr 9:12 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]."

Without the blood, there is no incarnation. Without the blood there is no power. Without the blood there is hope. Without the blood there is no gospel. Without the vicarious, penal, substitutionary death of Jesus there is no Christianity.

III. **Why are they redeemed in Christ?**

- (a) God is not in contradiction
- (b) The Gospel of Jesus vs. other self-help religions
- (c) Gospel's divine self-authentication.

Special Note:

These resources are never intended to replace the involvement or instruction of your local church where you are a member, only to supplement your continued growth in the truth of God's Word.

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