

Universal (Cosmic) Redemption
(Philippians 3:21)

1) Colossians 1:20

-The Designated Means of This Reconciliation: “the cross”

-The Proper Objects of This Reconciliation: “all things”

2) Ephesians 1:10

-mystery, will, good pleasure, that which He purposed in Christ (v. 9), that which He will administer or execute in the fullness of the times = the summing up of all things in Christ, things in heaven, and things on earth (v. 10) .

3) Romans 8:18-23

-Creation is subject to vanity (v. 20a)

-This subjection was involuntary (v. 20b)

-This subjection was never intended to be final or permanent (vs. 20c, 21)

John Brown: “*Our day of redemption will be the jubilee of the universe.*”

Herman Ridderbos: “*The redemption of Christ acquires the significance of an all-inclusive divine drama, of a cosmic struggle, in which is involved not only man in his sin and lost condition, but in which are also related the heavens and the earth, angels and demons, the goal of which is to bring back the entire created cosmos under God’s dominion and rule.*”

Application

-Behold the glory of Christ. Suffer in hope. Worship Christ. Marvel that He gives help to the seed of Abraham. Aim to be among the redeemed.