

CFC-203. OUR REDEMPTION THROUGH THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

1) What Is Redemption?

Our redemption in Christ is God's work THROUGH the death and resurrection from the dead of His Son Jesus Christ to find us, save us from sin and death, and bring us back as His children. (Luk 15:3-10, 1Pet 2:25, Eph 1:7, 1Pet 1:18-20, Isa 53: 5-6,11, Col 1:13-14).

The price for our redemption then is the life of Jesus Christ the Son of God whom God gave up for us. 1Pet 1:18-19, Rom 3:24-25.

2) Our Dual Sin Problem

We have two problems for which Jesus died and rose from the dead to solve.

- 1) One is the sins we have committed before God, which are many, over which God is angry, and for which we stand condemned before Him. And as long as this record stands we can have no peace with God or access to Him.
- 2) The second is that we have sin as our nature; and it is this sinful nature that makes us to commit sins in the first place.

In this sinful nature we have no life that is from God and therefore cannot fellowship with Him but are dead and separated from Him. This was the nature of Satan which Adam received and passed down to us.

The death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for us addressed and solved both problems.

3) The solution for our first problem.

• **Forgiveness & Remission of Our Sins**

- ✓ Christ died for us bearing and suffering for our sins in His body on the cross. 1Pet 2:24
- ✓ He suffered the punishment for our sins as payment on our behalf so that God can forgive us. The precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of sins. The blood removed our sins from God's mind and justified us in His sight. Isa 43:25, 53:5-7,10-11, Rom 3:25; Eph.1:7
- ✓ His death fulfilled all of God's requirements for God to legally justify us in His own sight. Rom 3:23-25
- ✓ The record of sins which we have committed before God, over which God was angry, and for which we stood condemned before Him were erased, thereby justifying us in His presence.

Luke 24:46-47, Col.1:14, Psalm 103:10-13, Tit 2:14, Joh 1:29, 2Cor 5:19-21. 1Pet 2:24, 1John 3:5

- ✓ He himself knew no sin, but He suffered for us because that is God's requirement to appease His anger over our sins. His suffering for us provided the forgiveness of our sins.

- **Have Faith in The Blood of Jesus Christ.**

- ✓ We are to have faith in the blood of Jesus. Rom.3:25. This means to accept what God thinks about it (to accept God's valuation of it).
- ✓ God has accepted the precious blood of Jesus Christ as the payment for our sins and the price for our redemption. (1Pet 1:18-19). God has said He is satisfied by it. Isa 53:10-11.
- ✓ His death has now removed our sins from God's sight, and removed the offense from God's heart. We have forgiveness for our sins and access to God freely through the blood of Jesus Christ. (Eph 2:16-18, Heb 10:19-23).
- ✓ We are then to be rest assured that the price of our redemption and the forgiveness of our sins has been fully paid for, and secured by His blood. Heb 9:11-12.

4) The solution for our second problem.

- **Regeneration as Sons of God**

- ✓ God included us in Christ and crucified us together with Him so that our sin nature might be destroyed. Then He raised us up together with Him into His life as sons of God
- ✓ This aspect centres on our union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. Rom.6:3-6, Gal.2:20,
- ✓ We are described as crucified with Christ so that our sin nature might be destroyed; and that we were raised up from the dead together with Him to share in His resurrection life. Eph 2:4-6, Rom 6:3-7.
- ✓ Union with Christ in his death brought to an end our former life of sin.
- ✓ Union with Him in His resurrection brought about our new life in Christ. This is our new birth. We were quickened together with him in His resurrection. Eph.2:4-6.

5) In Adam / In Christ

It is important to understand the terms 'in Adam' and 'in Christ'. These refer to a family linkage to these two different men. A man derives his life from either Adam or from Christ.

Men are sinners by who they are - a matter of heredity. It is because man's life comes from Adam by birth that man is a sinner.

In Adam's fall he became a sinner; this then became the nature of all that come from him. By him sin entered and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men. Because of this, sin has reigned unto death throughout the human race. Rom 5:12-14,

Because we derived our existence from Adam, we receive from him all that he became as a result of his sin. So the trouble was in our heredity, not in our behaviour. Psalm 51:5, 58:1-3 (compare Job 15:14, 25:4).

Christ is God's solution to all that we have inherited in Adam.

We were born sinners in Adam's family line. But in Christ God changed our parentage from Adam to Himself. (Joh 1:12-13). God did this for us by including us in the Lord Jesus Christ in his death. So then by his death (and we in him) an end is made of the sinful Adamic nature. Rom.6:2-3, 6-7, 8:3, 1Pet.2:24, 3:18, Gal.5:24, 6:14, 2:19-20.

As in Adam we receive everything that is of Adam, then in Christ we also receive everything that is of Christ. Christ is the righteous one, the Son of God, Just and Holy, and by being in Him we share in his righteousness. In this way God has provided the solution to our sin problems. Gal 2:20, 2Cor 5:17-21.

God has put us in Christ. Our generation is now counted from him and no longer from Adam. We are therefore freed from sin. 1Cor.1:30, 12:13, Gal.2:19-20, 3:27, Col. 2:10-11, 3:3-4.

There was an exchange of life. He took our old life and crucified it in His death and in His resurrection imparted to us his own very life. Rom.6:3-4, Gal.2:19-20, 5:24.

Our citizenship in the kingdom of the devil (the kingdom of darkness and the world system) ended on the cross, and we are now children of God. Rom.6:3, 6-7, Gal.5:24, 6:14-15

We are to recognize this and accept this as fact. Rom.6:10-11.

6) Freedom from all powers of Satan.

- ✓ Satan's reign over us was because we belonged to him as his children - with his life (of sin) in us.
- ✓ The redemption took our sins away and regenerated us as children of God. This ended our lineage to Satan. This has therefore destroyed the power of Satan / darkness over us. (Gal 1:4, Col 1:13, 2:11-15, Rom 5:9-10, 21, 2Tim 1:9-10, Heb 2:14-15).

7) God's Purpose in the Redemption

- a) God's purpose in redemption is to have us to Himself as his sons in the glorious image of Jesus Christ, so that Jesus Christ will be the first born among many brethren. Rom 8:29-30.
- b) God has fulfilled this purpose. The glory of the son of God Jesus Christ which God intended for man is finally in us in Christ. Rom.8:16-18, 29-30.
- c) In the redemption, the father sent the only begotten son and redeemed us into His sonship, so that He the only begotten son is become the first begotten - having many brethren. Heb.2:9-12, John 12:24.
 - To Jesus Christ we who are redeemed are brethren having his life in us. Rom 8:29, John 20:16-17, Gal.4:6, Heb.2:11-12.
 - To God the father we are sons. Heb.2:10, Gal.4:4-7, Rom.8:15-16
- d) In our redemption God the Father has brought us into the full glory & image of Jesus Christ his son. Eph.5:23,30, 1Cor 12:27, Rom 12:5, 1John 5:11-13, 4:9, Gal 2:20.
- e) We have come into the same fellowship with God the Father in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. John 16:27,17:22-23,26, 1John 1:1-3, 1Cor 1:9.