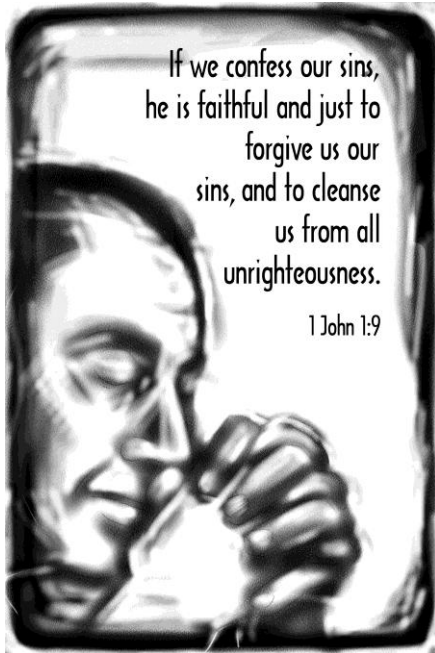


SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR ADULTS

LESSON 4



MAN'S REDEMPTION

Scripture Texts: Hebrews 9:11-15, Hebrews 9:22; Romans 5:1-9; Colossians 1:12-14

Last week we studied man's fall into sin and death. By this, sin and death came upon us, death to body and soul, death that ends in hell. God did not want it so. He provided a remedy. He sent His Son to pay the price to redeem man from Satan, who held him captive in sin.

To redeem man from sin and death, a blood sacrifice to God is necessary. Life must pay for life. Christ made His sacrifice. By accepting it and Him, we can be saved and redeemed and receive eternal life through His redeeming blood.

MEMORY VERSE: *He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.*

—*Psalms 111:9*

The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:11-12 Under the old Law the center of worship was the tabernacle, made with hands. The most sacred part of it was the Holiest place beyond the second veil. Here was the Ark of the Covenant covered by the mercy seat. Here only the high priest entered just once a year. He must be without physical blemish, must be washed and dressed in holy garments. He was to take blood of the sin offering and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat to atone for the sins of the people. This type pictured beforehand the sacrifice of Christ.

A priest is one authorized to come before God to offer sacrifice to Him. (1) Christ is our perfect High Priest. (2) The tabernacle He entered was not made with hands. It was Heaven. (3) The blood He presented to God was not animal blood, but His own, shed on the Cross. (4) He did not go in many times, year after year. The redemption He worked was eternal, effective forever. His sacrifice need never be repeated and will not be. It is once for all. (5) He cleanses both body and soul (**Romans 8:23**). Praise God!

Christ's Blood Purges

Hebrews 9:13-15 When a person, from an act or contact with an unclean thing, was counted by the Law as unclean, he was unfit to take part in the forms of worship or even to be near others. Cleansing was necessary. Animal **blood, ashes,** and washings would cleanse or sanctify the flesh and admit the person to worship. This was the type.

The antitype is **the blood of Christ**, a greater cleanser. (1) He offered it **through the eternal Spirit**. (2) He was **without spot** of sin. (3) He presented it, not on the mercy seat, but **to God—in heaven (verse 24)**. (4) His blood cleanses, purges, sanctifies, not flesh only, but **your conscience** or heart. (5) It cleanses, not from ceremonial uncleanness, but **from dead works, sins**. (6) It makes fit, not merely to enter forms of worship, but **to serve the living God**. (7) For **redemption**—deliverance from bondage; act of redeeming; state of being redeemed. He gave the **promise of eternal inheritance**. The type was good, the antitype best.

Hebrews 9:22 **Without shedding of blood is no remission.** Blood is necessary. Cleansing of sins always requires sacrifice of blood. **The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4).** **It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul (Leviticus 17:11).** Sin offerings under the Law were of blood. Christ's offering was His own blood.

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Faith Brings Redemption

Romans 5:1-5 These verses briefly span the outline of the salvation plan God made. When a repentant sinner comes to God **by faith**, he is **justified**. He has **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.** We stand against everything and anyone that would attempt to take this peace from us. **Romans 5:5** reveals what this grace is—the **Holy Ghost which is given unto us** to fill the heart with **the love of God** and many other benefits. **We glory in tribulations . . . patience . . . experience . . . hope . . . love . . .** These suggest the strength and growth of Christian character over a lifetime, a character given life and power by God. All of this is done **by faith**, by opening the heart to Christ.

Great Love

Romans 5:6-9 When sin came in, no power was in man to escape from the death that followed. Without God's action, all mankind was eternally doomed. But God did act. **While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** What great love! **Being now justified**—having a clean heart—we **shall be saved from wrath**—from the second death or hell. Those saved from wrath will enter Heaven. All this is won for us **by his blood.**

True Redemption

Colossians 1:12-14 Here we are shown what real redemption is. Redeemed ones are **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.** God **hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us**—lifted us from Satan's kingdom and placed us **into the kingdom of his dear Son.** From darkness to light, from depth to height. Satan had us, but Jesus paid the price of redemption, **his blood**, and brought our soul back to God. Oh, thank God for His love!

A Mistaken Doctrine

There is a religion of works, followed by many, by which no one will be saved or reach Heaven. **Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith of Jesus Christ . . . (Galatians 2:16). For by grace are ye saved through faith . . . not of works . . . (Ephesians 2:8-9).**

We tell a child to "be good." This is right. But it is not enough just to try to be good. This is why many live an up-and-down life of striving and failing. Many want to be good but never progress to victorious life in the Spirit. **This life is in his Son (1 John 5:11).** We must transfer from dead self-works to the living works of the Spirit. We must stop living in our own strength and live in His. Read **Romans 10:3; Philippians 3:9.** How can we change from self-effort to the power of God? By redemption through repentance. **If we confess our sins, He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).** As he then surrenders self and all to God, the Holy Spirit is sent into him to give power to continue living righteously.

JUST A THOUGHT

No man is rich enough to buy back his past.

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