

The Redeemer

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared and offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and Godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the Glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

Introduction

Why do we need a Redeemer?

We live in a world of Sin, a Fallen world. Since the fall in the Garden humanity was separated from God. God created us to walk with Him, have relationship with Him, to love and serve each other, and to have dominion in the world to show Gods glory in His creation and through us. We were created to live in unity and peace. We were never created to die, rather to live forever in a loving relationship with the Father.

But Sin entered the big picture. Satan deceived Eve and Adam. This was man's choice - to obey God or seek to follow Satan. The curiosity and disobedience would be a large cost for us. As Evil would now be known by humanity. This spawn guilt, shame, anger, hatred, murder, pride, jealousy, and hardening of Man's heart.

Along with many more seeds of evil. The same God that would walk with us in the cool of the day now was separated from us through the fall. Now humanity would have to pay the wages of their Sin and that would be both spiritual and physical death.

The Good news is that God would not leave us in our mess. He would not forsake us. God would send the Redeemer because of His everlasting love for us... *to the world a Savior would be born* (John 3:16) but what would this Redeemer do for us ?

He would offer us three gifts that would change us forever if we will just receive them and open them in our lives...

1. The Sacrifice of Christ

We are redeemed through the sacrifice of Christ.

The meaning of sacrifice...

(A) to devote, with loss or suffering

(B) to kill... to put to death things in our life

(C) an offering to God as a propitiation...

Christ fulfilled these. Therefore, the Old Testament sacrifices were abolished. Christ came not to take away the law but to fulfill it for us.

Hebrews 9:26

Otherwise, Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:8-12

First, he said, *“Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”*—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, *“Here I am, I have come to do your will.”* He sets aside the first to establish the second.

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again, and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

2. Redemption- Reclaim by Payment

A. By Grace - Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

B. We are redeemed from Condemnation

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

C. Guilt and the power of Sin (Hebrews 8:12; 10-17)

D. We are Redeemed to a Joyful life with Christ
John 15:11

A life of assurance and hope

An eternal reward

3. Cleansing

This is a redemption from our old self.

A. Promise of cleansing

1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red as crimson,

they shall be like wool.”

B. The Purpose of the Cleansing

- To free us from old self and fill us with Christ
- Empty the old wine skin

C. To Present Yourself For Service

A peculiar people zealous of good works

Conclusion

Who is your redeemer?

Have you accepted the gift of the Redeemer?

Do you need a cleansing of Sin?

Have you given your life to Christ???

The greatest gift ever given... to be Redeemed !!!!!