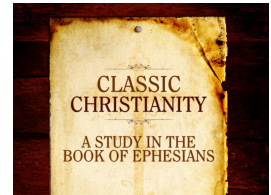




Community Group Questions “The Blessing of Redemption”

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I. GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Name some ways God has blessed you this week

II. DIGGING DEEPER

Blessing #3: We are redeemed and forgiven.

Ephesians 1:7-8 *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished upon us with all wisdom and understanding.”*

A. We are Redeemed:

- Why did we need redemption? (Ephesians 2:1-4; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Do you think most people understand their desperate need for redemption?
- How might you share this need with someone who thinks, “I’m a good person, so I don’t need *saved*.”

Notice the three different roles of the trinity in our redemption:

- The Father planned it—Ephesians 1:4-6
- The Son paid for it—Ephesians 1:7-12
- The Spirit applied it—Ephesians 1:13-14.

B. We are Forgiven:

This word that’s used here literally means, “to carry away”. How does this apply to the Day of Atonement?

Read Leviticus 16:20-22

- Why was it important that Christ be crucified outside the city? (John 19:15)

Psalms 103:12 says, *“He has taken our sins away as far as the east is from the west”*

- This is also not only a religious term but it’s also a legal term. It literally means, “To cancel a debt.”
- How should it affect us to know that we “belong to Christ.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

1 Corinthians 7:23

“You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.”

- What was the cost for forgiveness according to Hebrews 9:12? Also read 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9-11

III. TAKING IT HOME

Pray through these verses, thanking God for his forgiveness.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Isaiah 38:17

“for you have cast all my sins behind your back.”

Micah 7:19

“You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

Jeremiah 33:8

“I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

Jeremiah 31:34

“For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”