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Redemption in Christ

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This weekend many will celebrate the Easter holiday. The holiday causes some to consider the sacrifice of our savior, but do we realize the significance of this sacrifice. It is the greatest doctrine of the bible, it is that of redemption. Related to this, Paul establishes an important aspect of each Christian:

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Paul's teaching here is full of important messages for the Christian. Let's consider a couple.

We are the Temple of God

We are not our own to live for the pleasure of the world or for our own purposes. We are the Temple of God; therefore, we are to be holy. In other words, we are to be set apart for the special purpose of God. Just as the Jew's Temple was set apart for a special purpose of God. There was not to be anything unclean enter this temple. In the preceding verses of 1 Corinthians 6 referenced above (Vs. 13-18) Paul specifically mentions

sexual immorality. There are many other behaviors we are to separate from. Let's consider Paul's teachings to the Colossians.

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" Colossians 3:8-9

All of these fall into a category of behaviors that a Christian is not to be associated with. We are to be holy. Yet, being Holy is not just about putting away bad behaviors. One is not holy by just not doing bad things. One must also behave righteously or put on holiness.

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Colossians 3:12-24

These can be quite a challenge. We do not just change our attitude overnight. It takes much time and effort to grow and develop these attributes to the point of maturity. Without these attitudes, we cannot be holy, we are not separated from the world, we are not Godly.

We are Bought with a Price

We are not our own because we have been purchased. Purchased in the sense that we have redeemed from just punishment. Peter writes the following:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" 1 Peter 1:18-19

We see the price for our redemption, was the blood of Jesus. Our redemption required his death on the cross. This shows the expense of price that was paid. Therefore, we are not our own. Knowing that redemption carries such great expense, we must give heed to the one who paid the price. Paul sums it up very well in I Corinthians 6:20, “therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” Paul states the obvious. If one died so that we can live, then we should live our lives with respect to the one who paid the price. We are not our own. Jesus gave his life on the cross to redeemed us. He paid the ransom for us. We should not reject our ransom by living as we desire to live. If we reject the ransom, we are subject to the penalty that Paul revealed:

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” Romans 6:23

We surely want to accept the gift of God: redemption from the consequences of our sin and grace to provide us an eternal home in his glorious presence in heaven; to receive this we must adhere to Paul’s instructions in our introductory passage: “glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- April has been sick, keep her in your prayers as she deals with health issues
- Tammy Woodward is being treated for cancerous brain tumors. Treatments have not been effective.
- Several of our number are in the recovery phase of surgeries
- The Christians in the Philippines.
- Bible class tonight 6:00pm at Chad and Kass' on evangelism
- Joe Price will be bringing lessons for us May 19-24

For prayer requests, call or text

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Assignments

<u>Today</u> Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – David Porter Lord's Table – Ben Palmer Sermon – Ross Ward	<u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study – Chad Mitchell Song Leader – David Porter Invitation – Ross Ward
<u>Next Sunday</u> Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – Ben Palmer Lord's Table – Tom Mitchell Sermon – Ross Ward	<u>Next Wednesday</u> Bible Study – Chad Mitchell Song Leader – Ben Palmer Invitation – Ross Ward

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM



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