Redemption Through the Scriptures

Gaining a Clearer Picture of Christ and His Saving Work

# 15 Summary of Redemption

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“These are My words...”

1. He spoke of an eternal plan, decreed by God (Eph. 1:4 ff ; 3:7-12 – 2 Thess. 2:13-14)

2. He spoke in terms of God’s Messianic promise (Ps. 2:7-9 ; 40:6-10 -- Jn. 6:38-40 ; 10:17-18 ; 17:1 ff)

3. He spoke of His necessary suffering as a part of this plan (Isa. 42:6-7 ; 53:1 ff -- Ps 22:1-2 ; 89:3-4)

“All things which are written about Me”

1. The Representative Head of the church
   - “And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; ...” (Col. 1:17-22 NAS)

2. A Surety / a Guarantee
   - “Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.” (Heb. 7:22 - NIV)

Summary of Redemptive Truths

- “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (Luke 24:44 - NAS)

- “These are My words...”
  - In summary, the redemption promise / plan is inseparably entwined with God’s Grace, where redemption and grace may be understood as 2 modes of God’s loving-kindness and mercy.

- Redemption permeates God’s gracious revelation and finds its fulfillment at the cross, all undeniably confirmed by the wondrous resurrection from the tomb.

- “These are My words...”
  - “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.” (Matt. 5: 17-18 NAS)

- “These are My words...”
  - All the religions teach a ‘works righteousness’ that seeks to enable mankind to attain divine status; whether obtaining enlightenment, reaching Nirvana or being saved; it is through man’s self-effort that these must be gained.

- All human philosophies find their focal message routed in a ‘man-centered’ understanding of life as well. Mankind is the center of the universe and attempts to give meaning to life as each one sees fit.

- All the cults together with various kinds of misguided “Christian” forms of liberalism or legalism ‘fail to rightly discern God’s redemptive plan’ which is grounded in His immeasurable grace.


**“In the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms”**

- **Arch-types of the Christ as King:** Abraham – father of the faith, Joseph – saved God’s chosen people Israel from the devastation of famine, Moses – delivered the people from the bondage of Egyptian slavery, David – king after God’s own heart, wise Solomon, etc.; all prefigured Christ’s authority & role as ‘Lord’.

- **Arch-types of the Christ as the Prophet:** Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea and others showing how Christ would be rejected, unjustly punished and put to death by the wickedness of humanity. Christ would come as a ‘Suffering Servant’ promised to call God's people back to faithful obedience to Him.

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**“Through the Redemption”**

**Scriptures**

- “In Summary,” Christ was superior to the law, and yet he placed himself under the law to **pay the penalty of human sin**. His satisfaction of God’s wrath to redeem His people (the body of Christ) from the severe consequence of sin, thus **guarantees life** to those who put their faith in Him.

- “In the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms”

  - **Arch-types of the Christ as Priest:** both the order of Melchizedek and the order of Aaron, prefigure Christ’s role as ‘Mediator’ to intercede, to reconcile, and to secure and preserve a right-relationship between man and God.

  - **Symbolic Titles:** Throughout Scripture, symbolic titles and figures of speech were used to reveal God’s eternal plan of redemption fulfilled in Christ (eg. the **Tree of Life**, the **Tabernacle / Temple**, the **Light of the World**, the **Living Water**, the **Lamb of God**, **Son of God & Son of Man**, and the **Last Adam**, etc.) who would come to reveal and fulfill God’s eternal plan of redemption.

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**“In Summary”**

1. **Representative Head of the church**

2. **A Surety / a Guarantee**

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**Symbolic Titles:**

1. **Tabernacle / Temple**

   - And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them.” (Rev 21:3)

   - Speaking about the holy city, the new Jerusalem, that comes down out of heaven from God... “And I saw no temple in it for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple.” (Rev 21:22)

2. **Light**

   - “And God said, ‘Let there be light, and there was light.’” (Gen. 1:3)

   - “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:4, 9, 10)

   - “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

   - “And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of light.” (Rev 21:24)

3. **The Tree of Life**

   - “To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life...” (Rev 2:7)

   - “In the midst of the garden...” (Gen. 2:9 pre-fall)

   - “and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

   - “I am the way, the truth, and the life...” (John 14, 9, 10)

   - “In the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms”

   - “Arch-types of the Christ as Priest: Melchizedek and Aaron, prefigure Christ’s role as ‘Mediator’ to intercede, to reconcile, and to secure and preserve a right-relationship between man and God.”

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**“Must be fulfilled”**

- **Creation** – ‘Fall’ – ‘Redemption’

1. **The Bible reveals to us a Covenant / a Testament** – once Old, now made New

   - **COVENANT** (a) An agreement between two or more equal parties, formed by promises and conditions; or (b) the disposition / intention of a superior party towards an inferior one.

2. **God graciously fulfills all the conditions of the Covenant.**

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**“In Summary”**

- In summary, in the eternal counsel of God, He decreed and then fulfilled the promise of redemption in His Son, through whom He forged a covenant of grace with His children.

As this is a finished work of the **Sovereign God**, no-one can undo His covenant relationship with His people.
Discussion Questions:

1. How has the series on redemption given you 'new insight' into God's work of salvation?

2. What aspect of God's redemptive plan do you struggle with, or enjoy. Why?