

Redemption Through the Scriptures

Gaining a Clearer Picture of Christ and His Saving Work

15 Summary of Redemption

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"God desires it!"

"God pays for it!"

"God enjoys it!"

God's plan reflects God's wisdom

God's plan requires design and sacrifice

God's plan is fulfilled in the church

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 -

"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)

"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)

"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)

"All things which are written about Me"

2. A Surety / a Guarantee

- "Because of this oath, Jesus has become the **guarantee of a better covenant**."

(Heb. 7:22 - NIV)

"All things which are written about Me"

- **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.

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“All things which are written about Me”

- 1. Representative Head of the church**
- 2. A Surety / a Guarantee**

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.



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“All things which are written about Me”

- **“But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not ‘Yes’ and ‘No’. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silvanus and Timothy was not ‘Yes’ and ‘No’, but in Him it has always been ‘Yes’. For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”**

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Corinthians 1:18-20 NIV



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“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 & rule 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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- **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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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.” ... “There was the **true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.” (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 the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, **because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever,**” (Rev.



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Symbolic Titles :

- 3. The Tree of Life**

- “And out of the ground the Lord caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; **the tree of life** also **in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” (Gen. 2:9 pre-fall)
 “Then the Lord God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the **tree of life**, and eat, and live forever...” (Gen. 3:22 post-fall)
- “She (wisdom) is a **tree of life** to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold here fast.” (Prov. 3:18)
“The fruit of righteousness is a **tree of life**” (Prov.11:30)
 (Prov.13:12 & 15:4)
- “To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the **tree of life**, which is **in the Paradise of God.**” (Rev 2:7)
 “And on either side of the river is the **tree of life**, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” (Rev. 22:2)
 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the **tree of life**, and may enter by the gates into the



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- **Christ as King - ‘Lord’**
 as **Prophet - ‘Suffering Servant’**
 and as **Priest - ‘Mediator’**
- **In summary**, the whole of Old Testament revelation pointed to the need for a Messiah who would offer up the permanent, once-and-for-all sacrifice for human sin.



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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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“Must be fulfilled”

- **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?**

