

Our Redeemer, Jesus

Even though we may have become used to the word *redemption*, we must realize that what God has done in saving us is either the most foolish act in the history of actions, or it is a profound wisdom that borders on the unimaginable.

Scripture(s): 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 3:1-13; Colossians 1:24-29; Galatians 2:15-21; Romans 3:19-24; Ephesians 2:4-7

Remember this - Redemption, the exchange of the life of Jesus for our sins, is the scandal that demonstrates most fully the glory of our God.

I. The first wonderfully confusing glory of God's redeeming love is _____ God chooses to redeem. The people who hear and respond to the call of God are not _____ because of lineage, ability, or personal character. They are redeemed precisely because their _____ reveals just who God is. We who have given our lives to Jesus have _____ more to bring to the table than what God has already brought.

Ephesians 3:1-13 ...To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places...

Colossians 1:24-29 ...that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...

II. The second wonderfully confusing glory of God's redeeming love is _____ God chooses to redeem. God chooses to redeem us through _____ in what Jesus has done for us on the cross. His righteousness takes the place of our _____. God has made a way to be saved that is open to all, but will only be received and accepted by the _____.

Galatians 2:15-21 "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified...

Romans 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

III. The third wonderfully confusing glory of God's redeeming love is _____ God redeems. We consistently don't treat the God who loves us as God, and He still reaches out to save us. The fact that God wants to save us is almost too wonderful to even understand.

Romans 3:19-24 ...But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Ephesians 2:4-7 ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. What should we do?

1. Embrace a whole different way of measuring your worth: the _____ of God.
2. Come to Jesus and keep _____ to Jesus with your life.

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3. As you hear about the love of God, let His words of love draw you to Jesus and the discovery of _____ love with Him.

Ask Jesus...

Will You help me to know and understand the wonderful love of God?