

Is There Redemption From Sin?

In the previous bulletin's we look at what God states about "What Is Sin" and "The Consequences Of Sin" and from His inspired Word we understand that all have sinned (Rom.3:23) and that God holds each individual responsible for his sin/s (2 Thes.1:6-10). Now we want to look into God's Word and see if there is a way of redemption. Remember, we are not looking at what mere man's theories are BUT what Jehovah has revealed.

The answer to this question is a resounding YES! Thanks be to our Holy and Righteous Heavenly Father's love for His creation, He has designed a course of action that will redeem man from his sin. Man should have no doubt about the depth of God's love for His creation--"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. "(John 3:16). Listen to what the apostle Paul records for us through the Holy Spirit--"Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." (Rom.7:24-25) Yes, there is hope for the sinner because God has provided away for man's redemption. He wants all to be saved! God in His love for His creation revealed this in 1 Timothy 2:4 "who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth."

Now let us look at God's Plan for the redemption of man. In Romans 1:1-3, "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called [to be] an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, which he promised afore through his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh," We can clearly see that God had in the beginning a plan for man's redemption, which included a perfect Savior. Romans 3:23-31 "for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth [to be] a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God; for the showing, [I say], of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus. Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? of works? Nay: but by a law of faith. We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of

the law. Or is God [the God] of Jews only? is he not [the God] of Gentiles also? Yea, of Gentiles also: if so be that God is one, and he shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make the law of none effect through faith? God forbid: nay, we establish the law." We not only see a perfect Savior, but He identifies where the plan of redemption is to be found. Look at 2 Timothy 1:8-10--"Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God; who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,". We are not left to grope for a plan nor to worry about revisions to God's Redemption Plan--Hebrews 7:24-25--"but he, because he abideth for ever, hath his priesthood unchangeable. Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

It is imperative that we see that God's gracious plan includes a complete, adequate message of salvation, which is the gospel of Christ--"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."(Rom.1:16); "For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles,-- if so be that ye have heard of the dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; which in other generation was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; [to wit], that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, "(Eph.3:1-6); Mark 16:15-16--"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." and (Acts2:29-47).

God's plan of redemption provides a safe and secure location of salvation. This is the church of Jesus Christ, which is a spiritual relationship. Eph. 3:7-12--"whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. Unto me, who

am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly [places] might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him." and (Mat.16:18; 1Cor.15:22-25).

This is the wonderful redemption plan conceived in the mind of God, executed by His only begotten Son (and His apostles) and revealed in the gospel of Christ. Therefore, Jesus Christ, the gospel of Christ, and the church of Christ bought by His precious blood are sufficiently adequate to save man.