

**SERMON FOR  
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"REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS"  
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We all need comfort, strength, guidance, wisdom, and solutions to the many and unending problems we encounter in our daily lives. What better way to address our human perplexities, than by seeking and turning to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to fulfill those needs! I thank you for joining us in today's telecast. I sincerely pray, the Lord will touch your hearts, and the sermon I have readied for this telecast and entitled: **"REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS,"** will be that important step in the right direction, which you seek.

We have been born again through the name and blood of Jesus. On that accord we should never lose sight of what we have become and what we have obtained through the grace of God and through "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God." We should never forget the price that was paid to bring us into this lasting relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As Jesus passed from death unto eternal life, born again Christians have the same hope in Christ Jesus.

Let us read in Ephesians 1:5-10, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;

Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself; that in the Dispensation of the fulness of time He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him."

The redemption through the blood of Jesus is the unshakable foundation of "The Gospel." By not recognizing the origins of Jesus Christ, the effect of His atoning blood, and His resurrection from the dead, "The Gospel" would be seen as an empty shell and be perceived as another self inspired doctrine. The scriptures tell us that man must be redeemed, because he has been separated from God due to sin.

The use of blood signified the surrendering of one life to salvage the life of another. The first animal, that was slain, provided the skin, used as a covering for Adam and Eve. It foreshadowed the process that would save those, who chose to breach the rules, which allowed them to live in righteousness. The fig leaves used initially by Adam and Eve to hide their shame was only temporary and lacked permanency, thus deeming God's plan of greater importance.

A sacrifice was required for their benefit, thus making a sacrifice for sin a necessity. The kind of sacrifice made a difference. For example, Abel was favored by the Lord above his brother,

Cain, not because of his character, but because the Lord found his offering acceptable. The animals that were used for the sacrifice were not second rate, but were to be of the best of the flock. These were required, that God might take a kinder look at their sins.

Sin is defined as, "disobedience against the known will of God." Yet, the majority of the world does not believe they are sinners. The secular society, we live in, does not appreciate God as the Creator of all things, and neither is grateful for the breath of life that is most often taken for granted. Until this secular society humbles itself, it cannot appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made at the cross nor see the need to be saved.

In their eyes, there is nothing to fear, and neither is there anything so terrible that they cannot fix personally. The secular society has become self-sustaining and have positioned themselves in a manner that eliminates a need for God.

However, Paul's message to the congregation at Ephesus was to state that there was purpose in the birth of Christ. Paul emphasized that all things are of Him. It would be in the fullness of God's time that all things would be revealed. Before the foundation of the world was set in place, God intended that His creation be holy as He is holy. Because of sin, we have been alienated from Him, but God had a plan to reinstate us into His grace through Jesus Christ.

This plan of salvation was reinforced during the 3 year ministry of Jesus. Within those three years of preaching, Jesus performed miracles, signs, and wonders that had not occurred since the days of the prophets. His power was also given to those whom He anointed. They were sent out to heal the sick and afflicted, and cast out devils. However, their primary mission was to preach about Jesus, and of the saving of the soul.

It is apparent how the riches of His grace are being manifested in the last days. Having been redeemed from sin, we find ourselves amongst those whom He refers to as, "beloved," in other words dearly loved. The word, "predestinated," is that effective exercise of the will of God, by which things determined beforehand by Him are brought to pass. Individuals are predestined to eternal life, because they have willingly and whole heartedly entered into God's grace and have become members of the Body of Christ.

Thus, as a whole, God's people are predestined to eternal life and the Kingdom of God, because it is the "good pleasure of His will." God and the angels in heaven rejoice when a soul passes from death unto life. As a result that soul has been accepted into the "beloved," which is God's peculiar people.

Jesus' coming to earth was not multifold, but singular in nature. Specifically, He came into this world to seek and to save that, which was lost.

Let us read from Matthew 16:13, "When Jesus came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the son of Man am?"

During one of my several trips to Israel, we were able to visit the Golan Heights. The location of the Golan Heights provides a military advantage for Israel, and thus has become known to

be the "Eyes of Israel." As we proceeded down the mountain, we stopped at the coast of Caesurae Philippi, which is a sizable stream, originating from Mount Hermon, located far north. I realized that this was the location where Jesus spoke to His disciples, as we have just read in Matthew.

Responding to Jesus' question, the disciples first answered the question by saying, "John the Baptist or Elias, or another prophet!" This is very descriptive of the world that we live in today. Many do not know who Jesus is or of the reason for His ministry. We learn through the Scriptures that there are two classes in this world, those who are saved, and those who are lost.

Those who have trusted and identified themselves with Christ and those who have rejected Him. Those who are on the road to the Kingdom of God, and eternal life, and those who are on the road to hell, eternal separation, and torment. I would like to ask you the same question, "Who do you say Jesus is?"

One night, while Jesus rested from being about his Father's business, a very prominent man came to see Him, namely Nicodemus. He was a man of position and authority. Regardless of how profound he was in the knowledge of the law and scripture, there existed an emptiness that lingered and plagued him. Though highly regarded by men, he felt that his belief and accomplishments were insufficient to please God.

When he heard about Jesus and His wonderful works, Nicodemus could not restrain himself, but sought to speak to Jesus. He did so by using the darkness of night, as a cloak to hide from his peers and to cover his own beliefs. This Pharisee may have well said within himself, "Is this the savior, Isaiah spoke of? The sick are healed, the dead are raised, such miracles have not been accomplished since the days of Elijah!"

Let us read of this encounter in John 3:1-2. "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with Him."

Nicodemus found the road to righteousness, and was about to begin his journey to the Kingdom of God. The content of his conversation with Jesus indicated that he had previously participated in discussions with his peers, concerning Jesus and all of miracles Jesus performed. Regardless of what position his peers took, Nicodemus considered the things Jesus did, as being nothing short of miraculous!

Though Nicodemus approached Jesus alone, accompanying him were all the doubts, fears, reservations, and accusations of mankind, thus the planned encounter at night. Though these tools of satan cried loudly to discredit the works of Jesus, they were all refuted through the miracles, Jesus performed.

Let us continue reading in verses 3-4, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith

unto him, how can a man be born when he is old. Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?" And Jesus replied in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Millenniums have gone by since God asked Adam, "Where art thou?" and to the disciples, "Whom do ye say I am?" The commission, given to the disciples, is as important today as it was then. Jesus is imploring men to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. This ministry of reconciliation, enables mankind to regain the image of God, that was lost through sin and disobedience. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," placing great emphasis on the operative word: MUST!

In order to get to heaven, it is essential to be baptized, by immersion, calling upon the name of Jesus, and fulfilling the born again message. If your love, TV viewers, for the Lord Jesus Christ, is real, then there is nothing that will keep you out of the water! I cannot allow myself to be presumptuous and say to you, that water baptism is not essential to salvation, or it is an option that the believer can use or not use, and still feel secure.

The scripture is very clear as we read in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned!"

A man is not "born again" simply by the Word, or by faith alone. Your faith must be put into action, thus water baptism is a demonstration of your faith. Born of water, that is water baptism, is an act of a good conscience toward God!

What does it mean to be born of the Spirit? It simply means, one must be filled with the Holy Ghost, as evidenced by speaking in an unknown tongue.

The Holy Ghost was given to the 120 that tarried in the upper chamber on the Day of Pentecost which was celebrated 50 days after the resurrection. The Holy Ghost was given then, and the Holy Ghost is very much active in the last days. Today, believers are being filled with the Holy Ghost to overflowing levels, speaking in an unknown tongue.

Peter addressed the populous of Jerusalem at the time the Pentecost phenomenon took place.

We read in Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Here we have the assurance that sins are forgiven, through repentance. The believer confirms his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through water baptism. Secondly, the Holy Ghost is given to all those who believe as the scripture requires. God manifested Himself wonderfully to mankind on the day of Pentecost. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon those in the upper chamber was tremendous.

The resurrected Jesus, who ten days earlier ascended into heaven, demonstrated the power of the living God, and making it known to the world that God dwells within His body, the church of which we are members. The confirmation of the Word of God, television viewers, should tell you that God is truly with His people.

Let us turn to and read Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name, under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the father, but by me." Your salvation is complete, TV viewers, when you acknowledge and take on His name in water baptism, and you are filled with the Holy Ghost, as evidenced by the speaking in tongues.

Let us read of Paul's prayer in Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge."

Many fall into this category. They have the zeal of God, and live praising and glorifying God. However, if they deny the deity of Jesus Christ, all the works they may have done with the best of intentions, will be of no use. It is by grace that we have been saved, and not of works.

The point of the matter is, sin separates men from God, and in order to please God, sin must be removed. Jesus made the sacrifice, and paid the price for sin, by giving His life, and shedding His blood. Salvation is complete in His name, which is Jesus, and we are required to have faith in His name!

However, the Lord's sacrifice does not exclude us from doing what is required of us. We must acknowledge and repent of our sins, and be identified with Him, by taking on His name.

Let us read Colossians 2:12, "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead."

The Old Testament spoke of the most complete sacrifice that would be made for the sins of the world. Whether it was said through the "seed of the woman," in Genesis, or the more obvious example of Abraham, who, without hesitation, was willing to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice for sin, we can conclude that a price had to be paid for the wages of sin. The important point to remember is that, Jesus, who died on the cross, was buried for three days, and triumphantly rose again to life on the third day through a quickening Spirit.

The night before Israel was to leave Egypt, the Lord instructed Israel to slay a sacrifice. This would be known to Israel from then on, as the Passover. Israel was instructed to take the blood of the sacrifice and "strike it" on the two side posts and top door post of the house where they would be eating the sacrifice. The instructions were specific and purposeful because their redemption was nigh at hand.

Let us read in Exodus 12:12-13, "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of

Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the house where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

Israel's deliverance from the oppression of Egypt is nothing short of being miraculous. The "powers that be" at the time Israel lived in Egypt were shaken to its very foundation, with a series of plagues sent by the Lord. The Exodus out of Egypt saved Israel from the bondage of slavery, and the Passover celebrated that liberation.

Yet, the entire scenario pales in comparison to the greater miracle in store for the world, when God, would send a sacrifice that would liberate mankind from the consequences of sin. Yes, the world was saved from the bondage of sin if they would acknowledge Jesus Christ as their deliverer.

Not many people are willing to shed their blood, let alone give their life for someone else. We have heard of heroic deeds of how some have "run into harm's way," to save a fellow comrade in time of war. Others have given their lives in an earnest attempt to save others from life threatening circumstances, such as in the World Trade Center catastrophe. Many of the rescuers died along side those whom they were attempting to save.

Regardless of these efforts, made by concerned citizens, no one could ever measure up to the sacrifice that was made by Jesus. He, without reservation, willingly paid the price for sin in our stead when He went to cross.

Sin made us His enemies, but Jesus was willing to give His life to redeem us. Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. We can never repay our Savior for what He did, but we can certainly show, through a change of life, that we appreciate how much He loves us.

Let us read in Colossians 3:1-2, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

The dawn of a new day exists in Christ Jesus. In this new life of righteousness, this fleeting life upon earth becomes unimportant when compared to what the Kingdom of God has to offer. Before we came to know Jesus as He really is, we were deeply involved with the physical aspects of our lives.

Our choices, as prudent as we thought they were, were primarily materialistically based. We were concerned about material gains, and what people thought of us. We gave Jesus a low priority in our lives, when we considered what was best for us. We were wrapped up in self-gratification, which in all probability included all types of sinful activity, depriving us of the Kingdom.

Have you asked yourselves, television viewers, the question, "Why is it important to, "Seek those things which are above and not the things upon the earth?" The passage directs the path of the believer. Paul uses the terms, "seek," and "set." Both are used in the context of

achieving those things, which are only found in heaven. Paul reminded the congregation at Rome, and said that for them to be successful Spiritually, one must mortify the deeds of the body. Mortify means to bring under control one's desires and passions through discipline.

When our mind and emotions are focused on the Lord, then will our order of priorities be placed correctly. Jesus told His disciples, that, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." If we are to live a life that is approved of God, which is our reasonable sacrifice, then we must alienate ourselves from the world.

Let us read in Hebrews 9:14 & 28, "How much shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of man; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

The blood of Jesus did not merely cover our sins, but removed them completely through the giving of His life. The sacrifice Jesus made was not restricted to sins that might be seen on the surface, but His sacrifice dealt with the sins of the conscience. So, we see Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. He alone can bring mankind to eternal salvation. No other person or religious system can provide the forgiveness and the remission of sins.

Our dead works are eradicated from our lives through the name and blood of Jesus. In the book of Hebrews, Paul chooses the word "Better," to characterize the intent of living an improved life in Jesus. Animals were sacrificed for the sake of our sins. Jesus was a better and a more effective sacrifice. It was necessary that the sacrifices for sin be offered on a yearly basis. Jesus was a better sacrifice because He died once, for the sins of the whole world, for all generations.

The Tabernacle was constructed for the Spirit of God to dwell therein. Jesus was a better tabernacle, and He showed us that this body is the temple of the living God. There were the good things of the traditions of their forefathers, but there were better things yet to be manifested in Jesus. The new covenant with Jesus at the helm, surpassed the old covenant, previously made.

Jesus was better than the angels, surpassing the characters of Moses, Joshua, and that of Aaron. Thus, through Jesus Christ, Who is the perfect sacrifice, there is nothing we need to do, except turn to Him and accept His offer of salvation.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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