

Advent Series- The Perfection of Christmas

The Perfect Redemption

Galatians 4:5

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.
If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.
If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.
If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.
But our greatest need was redemption, so God sent us a Redeemer.

Review

The Perfect Time - all came together - the need of society and the possibility of the rapid spreading of the Gospel

The Perfect Plan - God's Son =fully God, born of a woman=fully human, under the law=able to fulfill the moral demands of the law.

Biblical Background

Verse 5 made up of two clauses both beginning with one word:

Greek =hina "in order that"

God sent forth His Son - "in order that" He might redeem those...
He redeemed them - "in order that" they might receive...

I. The Need of Redemption

A. Original state

Made in the image of God
Made to eternally - with God

B. Fallen state

Made in the image of fallen man **Romans 3:23**
Under the condemnation of the law **Romans 6:23**
Under the curse of the law **Galatians 3:13**

C. The inability of the law to redeem us

No one justified by the law **Galatians 3:11, Romans 8:3**

II. The Price of Redemption

A. The shedding of Blood

Hebrews 9:22

Not of animals - **Hebrews 10:4** *It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

B. The perfect sacrifice

Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*
1 Peter 1:18-19 **1 Timothy 2:6**

C. The Words of Christ Himself

The Son of man came . . . to give His life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). John 10:15). (John 6:51).

This is my body which is given for you . . . This cup is the new testament in my Blood, which is shed for you (Luke 22:19-20).

III. The Product of Redemption

A. The adoption as children of God

Granted By God **John 1:12** *He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.*

Given the rights of children not slaves **Romans 8:14-15**

As Children we have Forgiveness of our sins **Ephesians 1:7**

The Righteousness of God **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Peace with God **Romans 5:1**

What should we do / believe?

1. Acknowledge our need of a redeemer.

Because of two great facts, the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man

Romans 7:21-24 -

2. Receive salvation by faith

The Atonement is sufficient for all men, but it is efficient only for those who believe!

John 1:11-12 **1 John 3:16** **1 John 4:10**

3. Live as the "Redeemed in Christ"

We receive - the name, the wealth, the characteristics and the Authority of God our Father

Learn to rest in Christ -**Matthew 11:28-29** *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Live in the freedom you have in Christ **1 Corinthians 7:23** *God paid a high price for you, so don't be enslaved by the world.*

Light up the world around you with the Gospel in good works

Titus 2:14 *He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.*

Matthew 5:16 *In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

Christmas Events

December 18 4:15 pm Carol Service followed by Treff (open to all)

December 24 5 pm till 6 pm Candlelight Service

December 25 4:15 pm Christmas Service