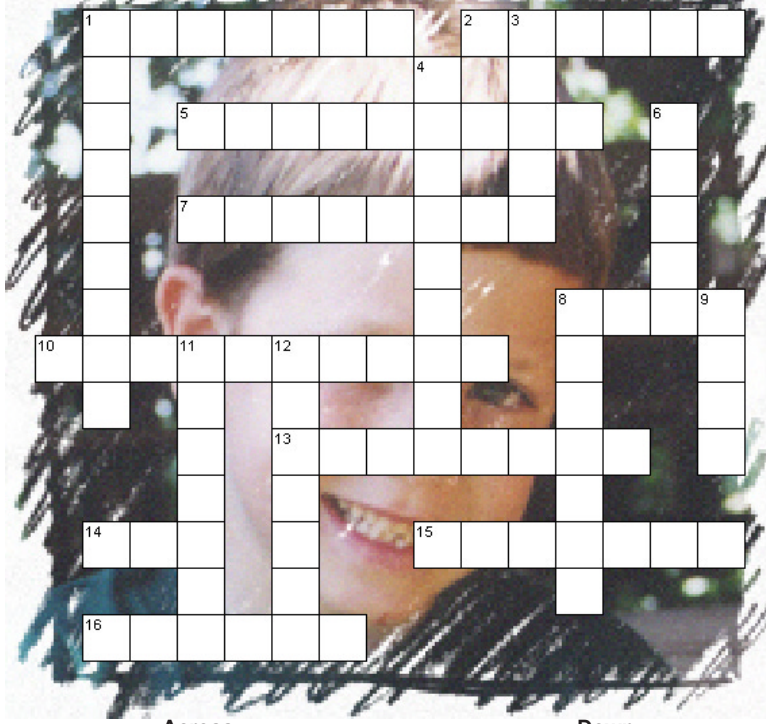


Crossword Puzzle



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before man had even been _____, God had planned redemption. 2. God could not simply _____ man's sins and ruined condition... 5. God's full _____ involves our receiving His life into us. 7. God planned for man's redemption and _____ before creation. 8. The _____ of man was very damaging. 10. God's way of saving man. 13. If man was to be _____ to God... he must be redeemed. 14. The fall of _____. 15. It was yours, but it was _____ lost. 16. Because of God's righteousness, man's problems had to be _____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Man was _____. 3. Man fell short of expressing God's _____. 4. Because of redemption, God has the legal right to save us to the _____. 6. God has the _____ right... 8. Man's destiny was originally to be with God _____. 9. Man was _____. 11. God's _____ purpose... 12. God's eternal _____... |
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The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Eight -

God's Salvation

Christ's Redeeming Death on the Cross (1)

I. Overview.

As we have seen, man fell in a terrible way by disobedience toward God and by receiving into his being the poisonous nature of sin. He became corrupted and ruined. His destiny was condemnation and eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. Man's situation was hopeless. The penalty for his sin was death.

But God did not give up on man. He was still determined



Lambs were used as sacrifices in the Old Testament. God came in Christ to be a sacrificial Lamb for man.

that He would accomplish His purpose in man. Man had to be recovered. In order for God to recover man, the first thing He needed to do was to redeem man back to Himself. This means that a price had to be paid to "buy back" man. However, since the penalty for man's sin was death, this is what the price was to redeem man back. So God Himself, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, came as the Lamb of God to die upon the cross to pay the price of our redemption with His own blood.

II. Memory Verse.

"It was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ"

(1 Pet. 1:18-19)

III. Lesson.

The fall of man was very damaging to him. Man had taken the evil nature of Satan into his being and had become constituted a sinner. Also, man's spirit had died and his destiny had changed from being with God forever, to suffering the lake of fire eternally with God's enemy, the Devil.

God's Way of Saving Man - Redemption

It seemed as if God's eternal purpose with man was over. Man's situation was utterly hopeless and helpless. But God had a way. Before man had sinned or had even been created, God in His infinite wisdom and foresight, had prepared a way for man's redemption and recovery. God had planned and prepared redemption for man before the foundation of the world.

When Adam disobeyed God in the garden, he broke God's commandment and transgressed against God's righteousness. He also acquired a sinful nature and fell short of expressing God's glory. Man was lost. Man was corrupted. Man was destroyed. In order for God to have anything to do with man in a positive way something had to be done. Man had to be rescued. Man had to be recovered back to God.



No amount of money could redeem man. Man had to be redeemed with the blood of Christ.

God could not simply ignore man's sins and ruined condition. Because of His righteousness, man's problems had to be solved in an absolutely proper way. If man was to ever be restored to God and to God's eternal purpose he must be redeemed.

To "redeem" something means to buy back that thing back. It

was yours to begin with, but it was somehow lost. In order for you to gain that thing back, you must pay a price for it.

The Highest Price Was Paid to Redeem Us Back to God

We have been redeemed from our sinful and vain manner of life by the Lord Jesus' death on the cross. He shed His precious blood to buy us back for God. He paid the very highest price that could have been paid – His own blood. Before God could do anything else with us, He had to redeem us back to Himself. Because of this redemption, God now has the legal right to save us to the uttermost. As we will see God's full salvation involves our receiving His very life into us.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean for something to be redeemed?

2. Why couldn't God simply ignore man's sins and continue to use man for His purpose?

3. What price was paid for man's redemption?

4. Who is the Lamb of God?

