

The Remedy — A Redeemer

TEXT: Romans 5:15-21; 1 Peter 1:17-25

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:12-14; Hebrews 9:11,12; Revelation 5:9

KEY VERSE: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. — Romans 5:19

RESOURCE MATERIAL: Tract No. 49 — The Atoning Blood

RESPONSES

1. Allow time for a volunteer to give a summary, which should serve as the starting point for this study.

2. All can be redeemed because of God's love. Pose a hypothetical situation to your students in which they are choosing to redeem one object from among several. On what would they base their decision? Bring out that they would look for quality, condition, workmanship. Compare this with Christ's redemption of man—a redemption available regardless of status, nationality, wealth, age. Conclude by re-emphasizing that God's wonderful love opened the door of redemption to all who would believe in Jesus Christ, God being no respecter of persons.

3. These verses bring out that we are justified or redeemed through the Blood of Jesus, rather than through corruptible things or the keeping of certain traditions.

God's commandment was clear and plain. Adam could eat fruit of any of the trees in the Garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, "for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Adam disobeyed God and ate of that tree. Spiritually, he died immediately. Physically, he died some years later. The curse of sin passed upon Adam and all future mankind. The situation would have been hopeless, except for God's love and grace. Along with the curse upon sin, God promised a Redeemer—our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The word *redeem* means, "to buy back, repurchase, or free from the bondage of sin." Review the previous lesson, and in your own words briefly summarize why there was a need for redemption.

2. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). This being true, who then can be redeemed? See John 3:17; Romans 5:17; 1 Peter 1:17; and 2 Peter 3:9.

3. There are those who think they can purchase their own redemption by giving largely to religious organizations or worthwhile charitable concerns. Others may depend on their own good works or their adherence to certain rules of conduct to make their way into Heaven. Read 1 Peter 1:18,19 and describe how the Bible says we receive redemption.

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ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION NOTES

4. In what unique way does Jesus Christ qualify to be our Redeemer? Use 2 Corinthians 5:21 and 1 Peter 1:19 to help you with your answer.

5. When was Jesus Christ foreordained as our Redeemer from sin?

6. How does the Apostle Peter compare the life span of man with the grass of the field? What does this have to do with redemption?

7. The disobedience of Adam in the Garden caused the curse of sin to pass upon all men. The obedience of Jesus Christ brought redemption, or righteousness, to all who believe in Him. How can one avail himself of this redemption?

8. What is the end result of our righteousness through Christ Jesus, if we remain faithful? See Romans 5:21. Find another verse in the Bible which gives a parallel promise.

9. How does Matthew 16:26 relate to man's redemption?

4. Help your students discuss why Jesus was the only One who could purchase their redemption. (He was the only One born without sin.)

5. 1 Peter 1:20 tells us Christ was foreordained before the foundation of the world to be the Lamb without blemish and without spot. Discuss with your students what this tells us about God's concern for mankind.

6. To show the brevity of man's life span, the Apostle Peter compared it to the life of grass, which is relatively short. Call the students' attention to the truth that they have no promise of tomorrow. They should conclude that redemption must not be put off.

7. Allow time for someone in your class to explain the way of salvation, specifying conviction, repentance, and faith in the merits of Jesus' atoning Blood.

8. How wonderful it is that righteousness through Jesus Christ brings eternal life. John 3:16 gives the believer a parallel promise. Discuss how redemption is their means of receiving eternal life.

9. Your class should conclude that their redemption is of utmost importance. Even though one might gain worldly prestige or a vast fortune, it holds no value when weighed against eternity.

YOUR WRAP-UP

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Why do we say Jesus is our Redeemer?

What does it mean to redeem something?

What price did Jesus pay for our redemption?

Why was Jesus the only One who could be our Redeemer?

In the ANSWER story, Ben asked Mr. Hunt how his heart could be changed. What was Mr. Hunt's reply?

How can we avail ourselves of the redemption offered through Jesus?

If children resemble their parents, how do born-again children resemble their Heavenly Father?

What brought sin into the world in the first place?

How was a way of escape made for us today?

What one Man provided a way of escape? How did He do it?

What was special about Jesus that made His death and resurrection mean so much to us today? (Son of God)

THINGS TO DO

Have someone in your class look up the words "Redeemer" and "remedy," and read the definitions to the whole class.

Do a chalktalk with a hill and a cross. Put a stick man walking up the hill with a heavy load on his back. Bring out the point that Jesus died on the cross to help us. He will carry our heavy load if we take it to Him. He is our Redeemer and the Remedy for our sins.

Have the class work out a skit, portraying what a person who redeems us does for us. It could be someone carry-

ing a heavy load with one person lifting it from his back. Have one of the class then liken it to our Savior and what He does for us.

Have your class design a poster, illustrating the theme of today's lesson. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psalm 19:7).

From the lesson Scriptures find words which fit these definitions: decayed, not counterfeit, delivered from sin, paid a ransom, sin, divine mercy, to be copiously supplied, judged guilty, to make free from defilement.

Answers for ANSWER

