

The Day of Redemption

All born again believers in Jesus Christ, no matter what their background or doctrine, rejoice in the fact that they have redemption through the precious blood of the Lamb. Creation was sold under sin, lost without hope in this life, and while we were yet in that condition, Jesus died to redeem us from all our iniquity. Now we sing redemption's sweet story with the greatest of joy because the Spirit of God has witnessed to the Church, for almost 2000 years, that we have redemption through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Until now, the Body of Christ has understood the Day of Redemption to be only that which we experience at the moment of salvation- a redeemed spirit and soul, a cleaned up life, a walk with the Lord. While this is all true and we rejoice in it, the Lord is shedding revelation light in this day, on the depths of the meaning of our Redemption through Him. He is opening up our minds to understand it is more than we've ever hoped for, and certainly more than we have experienced.

The church hasn't yet experienced the fullness of the Redemption that our Lord purchased for us on the cross. We have experienced it in part; we have had redemption of the spirit and soul since the day of Pentecost, but you and I are not made up of just spirit and soul. God's new creation is spirit, soul, AND body. When God sent his son to redeem fallen man, He didn't send him to save only part of man. But Jesus came to redeem the whole man- spirit, soul, and body.

Let's look at two scriptures on redemption that seemingly are a contradiction unless we allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding. In Hebrews 9:12, Paul, speaking of Jesus says, Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place having obtained eternal redemption for us, but Paul also told the Ephesians in Chapter 4:30..... Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Doesn't that sound like a contradiction? In the book of Hebrews, Paul said, Jesus has already obtained (past tense) redemption for us but in Ephesians he says we are sealed, which means kept or preserved, unto a future time of redemption.

We see by these two scriptures that there is a time element involved when the Bible speaks of redemption. Jesus Christ has already obtained redemption for us but the Holy Spirit has sealed us, and is preserving us unto a future time when we, His body, shall experience the fullness of that redemption. The Holy Spirit is keeping us unto a Day when we shall receive and possess all that Jesus has obtained for us. This Day, this certain time set aside by God is called THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

The Down Payment of Our Inheritance

Until this day and time, the Church has only received the Holy Spirit of Promise as we read in Ephesians Chapter 1:13,14,.... Ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.

Many of us have been taught that the Feast of Pentecost (the infilling of the Holy Spirit) was the ultimate experience in the Lord and it was the height of what we could receive from him in this life. We knew it was certainly a different experience than the Feast of Passover (salvation), so after we received both of these experiences we were taught there is nothing left to experience except wait for the Lord to come. But the Bible teaches the receiving of the Holy Spirit into our lives is not the fullness of what the Lord has purchased for His Church, it is only the down payment of our inheritance. The Body of Christ has received and enjoyed the infilling of the Holy Spirit since the day of Pentecost but that is just the beginning of good things to come in the Lord, Praise His Name!

The Holy Spirit that the Church has received is only the earnest (or the down payment of our inheritance) UNTIL the redemption of that purchased possession. The word until gives us a clue to the meaning of this scripture. There is coming a time when we won't have just a promise, but we will actually have what was promised ...that which was purchased for us by our Lord at Calvary. We only have the promise now until the time of our full redemption comes. Then it will be no more a promise but a reality, Praise God!

Jesus did the purchasing on Calvary but he appointed a day, a specific time period, for redeeming that which he purchased. This brings us to the questions we shall consider, and to the subject of this booklet. What did Jesus purchase for us on Calvary and when will the time come for us to receive it in it's fullness?

What is a Day?

First, let us establish what the Bible is talking about when it refers to a day. A day in the scriptures has more than one meaning. It can be a specific time ordained of God in which He shall do a particular thing, such as, The Day of Judgment, The Day of Atonement, The Day of Salvation etc. It is the time He will bring to completion something He has foreordained. So, what is the Day of Redemption then?

The redeeming power of Jesus Christ has been at work for almost 2,000 years but His work is not complete as yet. How do we know? Let me quote you one of many scriptures that will make this very clear,.....That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:27) We haven't seen the fulfilling of this scripture yet. The church, his body, is not without spot or wrinkle now, but when the redemptive work of Jesus Christ is complete, when the Day of Redemption has come, the Church shall be in a state of perfection in Him, having been purged and redeemed and made a glorious Church.

Not only does day denote a specific period when God shall do a thing but it also means the time of God's enlightenment. We know the natural daytime is come when the sun rises and it becomes light outside. We can see clearly then, for the darkness and shadows are gone and nothing can be hid because light shines upon it. So it is in spiritual things - the Son, Jesus Christ is risen and God hath highly exalted Him that all might see His glory.

The light that is shed from Him is taking away all of our darkness that we might see and understand clearly what He has done for us! Not only that, but that we might also be made a partaker of what He has done for us; that we might know when God glorified Jesus, He exalted him to a place where Jesus himself declared, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matt. 28:18) The Day of Redemption is the time for us to SEE His glory, a time to be brought out of darkness by being fully enlightened that Jesus has all power over the enemy - even over the last enemy ... death! When the last enemy is put under his feet (his corporate body), then shall we emerge a completely redeemed man spirit, soul, and body. The Day of Redemption then is the day or time when the redemption of man ... spirit, soul and body ... shall be completed.

The Light of this Day is Arising!!

Death has never been victorious over a Christian with respect to his spirit and soul. That part of man has had redemption available to him since the cross. If you have accepted the Lord and you lay your body down in physical death tomorrow, you move out of your body a living soul, into the presence of the Lord. The grave has no victory over a Christian's spirit and soul, that goes back to God who gave it. But the grave does receive one part of man ...his body. Until now, the grave has had the victory over that part of man, but something is now happening.... the DAY is arriving.... the LIGHT is being shed in our hearts that full redemption is near and it shall rob the grave of it's victory over our mortal body, Praise God!

1 Cor. 15:54 says..... When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? There is a condition to be met first and THEN there will be no sting in death, and only then will there be no victory in the grave. What is this condition? 1 Cor. 15:53 says, for this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Jesus purchased a redeemed body on Calvary but it remains yet for the Church (His body) to put on immortality and receive redemption for the whole man.

Being Clothed with our Body from Heaven

Let's turn to II Cor. 5: 1-4 where Paul is talking about this redeemed, immortal body. Please allow me to quote this scripture and paraphrase it at the same time so we can get a clear picture of what it is talking about. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.....(even though there are some who have laid their physical bodies down before it is time for the redemption of that purchased possession, we know we all have a redeemed body eternal in the heavens awaiting the time for us to receive it)....For in this (corruptible body) we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.... (our greatest desire is to receive now the redeemed, incorruptible body Jesus purchased for us, for it is a changed body made in the likeness and image of his glorious body, no more subject to death and decay, a cleansed temple filled with His presence)....

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon.... (the burden of all Christians is not that they would lay their physical bodies down but they desire to be clothed upon with the fullness of the life of Jesus in a changed body). (See Rev. 3:18)

Our desire as a follower of Christ is to be clothed with righteousness and holiness until our very nature is changed, for the promise is that when he comes, or we should say, as he appears to us in the Spirit, He shall change our vile body and fashion it like unto his glorious body (Phil. 3:21)..... That mortality might be swallowed up of life... that our present state of being subject to death might be conquered as our life is completely overtaken by the life of Jesus Christ.

Do you see that the redemption of man is not complete until the whole man ...spirit, soul and body is redeemed? Has the DAY of redemption come to you? Has the light... the understanding... that Jesus intends to redeem a people from all iniquity and deliver them from death right here on this earth been revealed to you? Well, this is the hour for that revelation to come forth. It's the last trump, the last message from God and it is sounding now. God is enlightening all that will see ...and speaking to all that will hear. He is saying, Jesus has redeemed a body of people that shall walk on this earth in the fullness of immortality, showing forth His life in an immortal body; a body not capable of death because it has been swallowed up of the life of the One who has risen from the dead, never to die anymore. This is the understanding of the fullness of the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, this is the DAY of REDEMPTION.

1,000 Years = One Day

Now, let us consider the time element involved in the coming of this day. Contrary to popular belief, we can know the time God will bring something to pass that he has foreordained. Although the exact day and hour is not given to us, He does give us many scriptures that reveal patterns of time in which He works.

Turn with me to II Peter 3:8 and we will find in this scripture the key to the time element in all Bible prophecy. It is the measuring rod of time God has given to man, enabling him to both understand what God has done in the past and what He will do in the future concerning His creation. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

There are some who think this verse of scripture only means God is eternal and time is nothing to him and that 1,000 years is just like a day to Him. But those who understand Bible prophecy, know that Peter meant for us not to be unlearned about this one fact: one day with the Lord is equal to 1,000 years of our time. Let this truth be established in your mind that it may serve as the foundation of your understanding of God's plan for creation.

Six Days from Adam

Historically, we have come a time span of about 6,000 years since God's first son, Adam, walked in the garden of Eden. Using our measuring rod of... One Day =1,000 years ... we see that it has been almost 6 days according to God's time since Adam walked in the garden. That would mean we are about to enter the 7th day of time from Adam or the Sabbath Day of God, the Day of Rest.

Two Days from Jesus

We have come about 2,000 years since man began to measure time by the birth of Jesus Christ (A.D. Anno Domini- in the year of our Lord). By our same measurement of time we know it has been 2 days in God's time since the last Adam, the Lord from heaven, walked the shores of Galilee.

If you will study the illustration on the following page you will see one complete week of time in God, from Adam in the garden to the 1,000 year reign with Christ, the millennial reign. Each section within the circle represents a 1,000 year period of time, or one day with the Lord. We have seven sections, or seven days of time counting from Adam through the millennial reign with Christ. The cross represents the time Jesus was on the earth. He came at the close of the fourth and the beginning of the fifth 1,000 year period from Adam. Just as the natural sun was made (or caused to be seen) on the 4th day (Gen. 1:16) Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world at the closing of the fourth 1,000 year period, or the fourth day from Adam.

It has been almost another 2,000 years or 2 days since the Son of God came at the close of the fourth day, so we can pretty much pinpoint right where the Body of Christ is today and what day of God we are living in. We are at the close of the 6th day from Adam's time and the close of the 2nd day from Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. This is a very important formula for us to keep in mind, as God will enlighten us to what He is doing in this hour through the revelation of many scriptures, by using this formula.

Right now, however, we shall concern ourselves with seeing where the Church, the Body of Christ, is in this day and how we know it is the Day of Redemption of our bodies.

In Three Days, I Will Raise It Up

Let us go to St. John 2:19, Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it upBut he spoke of the temple of his body. We all know that in three 24 hour periods (days, time elements) Jesus was out of the tomb. He resurrected on the 3rd day from his death with a changed body no more subject to death. In 1 Cor. 12:27 Paul says, Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular. Who is Paul talking to, who is the ye in this verse? The ye here refers to the Church. As Jesus Christ experienced resurrection in the third day, Ye church will also have a glorious resurrection out from the dead in this 3rd Thousand Year Day from the cross. Ye church are going to experience full redemption - the redemption of the whole man. He shall raise his body, the Church from death on this 3rd Day.

This day is for the changing of the body from mortality to immortality. Jesus died and paid the debt for us at Calvary but creation has waited for this day, the Lord's 1,000 year day, to witness the redeeming of the physical body. As Jesus came out of that earthen tomb on the 3rd day from the cross, so shall our physical body arise from mortality on this 3rd one thousand year day into that glorious change to immortality. In this Day we shall be made in His likeness and image.

Praise God, this is why the Church is excited in this hour! We are about to walk into something that has never been experienced before, except by Jesus. Jesus said in THREE DAYS I will raise it up. We have never been raised up to this revelation before. We have never experienced the resurrection out from the dead because it is in three days that He will raise up His body. It is now the dawning of the 3rd day, the time for him to raise His body, the Church, out from death and into life and immortality. Until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. (Rom. 8:22,23) This 3rd day we are entering now is the time for the redemption of our body. We shall witness it in this next 1,000 year period lying out in front of us. There will be a people that shall experience a change in their body as the nature of Jesus Christ takes over in their life. God is calling out a people for His Name, a people that shall be made in His likeness and image!

The Sounding of the Last Trumpet

Behold I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.....The last trump is sounding..... do you hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church? This is the day that the Lord has made, rejoice (says the Holy Spirit to the Church!) and be exceedingly glad in it, for your redemption draweth nigh! For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Cor. 15:51,52). The message of immortality is being sounded and all that hear it and adhere to it shall live. From here on out Jesus is speaking life to His body (the Church) and it shall be raised incorruptible.

Jesus said in St. John 12:24, Verily, verily I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. You place a corn of wheat in the ground and the outer shell will decay but the life inside springs forth and produces many seeds just like it. For it became him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. (Heb. 2:10) God's plan for creation is to bring many sons unto glory.

The corporate body, the many membered body of Christ that is coming forth in this Day is being changed into his likeness and image now. From glory to glory he is changing us, but we can't say we are totally in His likeness and image until we witness the changing of our physical body from mortality to immortality. He shall bring many sons forth in the same likeness of His only begotten Son Jesus Christ because of the law of sowing

and reaping. As his own natural body came forth on the 3rd day, victorious over death and the grave, so shall his corporate body (the Church) come forth in this 3rd one thousand year day, victorious over deathand we shall be changed!

Oh happy day, happy day, to know this is the time of the redemption of the whole man. The Lord is revealing to His Church something new in this Day! It was not experienced by the early church, nor by those who walked with the Lord a thousand years ago, and not even by His Church of a hundred years ago. Why? Because there is a time element in the plan of God and the time for immortality, the redeeming of the whole man, spirit, soul and body, hasn't arrived until NOW. But, now that we know that a day with the Lord is 1,000 years, and now that we understand that the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the 3rd day is a pattern that God will follow in resurrecting or redeeming the many-membered Body of Christ, we do rejoice and we are exceedingly glad for this day we are living in, for this is the DAY OF REDEMPTION that the Lord hath made, praise the Lord. God's people shall live in this day and not die! God Bless you and enrich you in His Word.

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