

Sermon: Redemption to Claim

April 25, 2021

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-14

I. Jesus provides \_\_\_\_\_ through his blood.  
Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 10:6-13; Hebrews 9:12-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19

II. We have \_\_\_\_\_ of sins  
through Jesus. John 1:29

III. Jesus has revealed God's will to us. (8-10); John 17:3

IV. Jesus provides for us a glorious inheritance. (11-12) 1 Peter  
1:3-4 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; Romans 8:17

V. Believers are saved by having \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the word of God. (13) Romans 10:17; Romans 10:9-13

VI. After salvation we are \_\_\_\_\_ by  
the Holy Spirit. (13)

1. It speaks of a finished transaction.

2. This sealing also implies ownership: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

3. It also means security and protection. Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation  
7:3. Revelation 14:1; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

4. The Spirit abides with believers forever. John 14:16-17;  
Ephesians 4:29-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19

5. The presence of the Spirit authenticates our salvation. Romans  
8:9;16

6. The Holy Spirit is our earnest payment. (14); 1 Peter 1:3-5

**Thought for the day** Sin separated man from a holy God. God had a reconciliation plan to bring us together. We all know about redemption through the blood of Jesus. **John 1:29**<sup>29</sup> The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Sin is singular implying redemption involves one specific sin. This sin goes back to the garden where Adam took of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and unintentionally told God truth will be what human reasoning determines what it will be instead of trusting God to reveal truth directly. From that day on man had a spiritual disconnect from God. The cross changed all that; his death paid a redemption price acceptable to God and his resurrection led to our justification. That justification included forgiveness of sin and the gift of an indwelling Holy Spirit who would once again reconnect man's spirit with God opening up a new way of revelation from God. Notice John 1:29 says Jesus would take away the sin of the *world*. This means redemptions price is paid for everybody but in order to receive it you must claim it by faith. God has provided Bibles, believers, preachers, missionaries to proclaim the good news and the Holy Spirit to convict people so that will accept what Jesus already paid for. What a tragedy when people don't take what is freely offered. We are so blessed to be redeemed and sealed by such a wonderful God. **Pastor Bruce**

## What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

### **Junior Disciples: AM Church Service**

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue our "Kingdom" root. Persecution has plagued the church since it first began, over 2,000 years ago. Is this something that should be expected? Will following Christ inevitably lead to persecution? And if so, what should our response be to persecution or other hardships we might face in the name of Jesus? This lesson will demonstrate that hardships we face, minor or life-threatening, for the sake of Jesus' mission and serving others should not be avoided. Rather, they connect us with Christ, who suffered and died for us. There is also a parent's guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

### **Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM**

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

### **Camp Pecometh - May 21-23**

## **Crown Him (Majesty)**

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for me  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

### **Chorus**

**Majesty Lord of all  
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall  
The King of kings**

### **O come adore**

### **Our God who reigns forevermore (forevermore)**

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

All hail Redeemer hail  
For He has died for me  
His praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity  
(REPEAT)

Praise God who reigns forevermore  
You're the God who reigns forevermore