

GOD THE SON PAID REDEMPTION'S PRICE

THE STORY: REDEMPTION

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Hebrews 9:11-12; Romans 3:24; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 1:14; Galatians 4:4-5; Titus 2:13-14

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

BIG IDEAS

- The Son died in our place.
- The Son offers us forgiveness.
- The Son covers us in grace.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 23:26-49; ROMANS 8:31-39

Jesus came to the earth, sent by God the Father, to live the perfect life that man could not and to die the death that man deserved. Jesus was crucified for man's sin, suffering and dying on the cross in our place. He paid the price that we all owe, and God accepted His death as fulfillment of our sin debt. Because of Him, we can have forgiveness and eternal life.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS



Every student should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



Every student should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King



Every student should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



Every student should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin

GUIDES AND WORKOUTS

The Guide provides a commentary page on each week's Bible verse and on each Big Idea that unpacks the Big Truth. Each week also includes a Student Workout as a resource to help the student pursue spiritual disciplines on their own. Additionally, each week has a Family Workout that helps equip parents and guardians to have spiritual conversations with their student.

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Redemption is found in Jesus Christ.

“In Him we have redemption through His blood...”

- When Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, he reminds them of the source of redemption offered to the world. We are redeemed, or set free from our sin debt through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Prior to Jesus' life and death on earth, we had no hope. There was no way for man to set himself free from the sin debt he owed because we are all dead in our sin.
- Jesus came to the earth and lived the perfect life that we could not live. He died on the cross and because of His death as our perfect sacrifice, we can be redeemed and reconciled to God.

Redemption involves the complete forgiveness of our sin.

“...through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...”

- Redemption means to be set free from a debt owed, or to no longer be held accountable for a wrongdoing. Redemption means to be completely forgiven for our sin debt. This means that because of Jesus' work on the cross we no longer and will never owe our sin debt again once we have saving faith.
- When Jesus died in our place, His death fully satisfied the sin debt we all owe to God. This means that we our forgiveness is eternal, everlasting. He was the perfect sacrifice on our behalf and through His blood, we are offered forgiveness.

Redemption is possible because of God's grace.

“...according to the riches of His grace.”

- Forgiveness of our sins is only available to us because God was gracious to us. If God were not a gracious God, we would not have forgiveness for our sins and we would not have redemption available to us. It is through God's grace that we can be reconciled to Him though we are sinners.
- It is the grace of God that sees fit to call us clean because of the life and death of Jesus instead of requiring us to live separated from Him forever. He came to earth to take our place and make a way for us to be set free from our sinful selves through His Son, Jesus.

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BIG IDEA: THE SON DIED IN OUR PLACE.¹

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Genesis 3 tells us the story of man's sin against God. It is in the Garden of Eden that sin first entered the world. Man's nature changed and the once perfect world was broken. Our sin demands a payment. Because God is just, all that He does is right and true. His justice is perfect, and our sin cannot go unpunished. God, in His perfect wisdom and justice, determined the penalty for our sin. He determined that death would be the wage of sin and a perfect sacrifice would be required to pay the wage of sin. We are all sinful and unable to pay our sin debt. God's justice requires that our sin against Him be atoned for. He wouldn't be a just God if He didn't require payment for our sin.

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Why does our sin require a perfect sacrifice?

In Leviticus 1:4, God institutes the atonement sacrifice. This idea meant that an animal without blemish could be sacrificed and God would count its death as atoning for man's sin for that year. Later in Leviticus 17:11, God says that it is blood that makes atonement for life. In Hebrews 9:22, we see that without the shedding of blood, sin is not forgiven. Our sin requires a perfect sacrifice because we fall so short of the glory of God that death is a just punishment for our sin. Because of God's mercy, He provides a perfect sacrifice for us.

Why can we not pay for our sin debt on our own?

In Ecclesiastes 7:20, we see that everyone is sinful and no one does good. We are all fallen and broken people because of our sin natures. Romans 3:10 reminds us that we all have sinned and we fall short of God's glory. We do not naturally seek God or seek to glorify His name. Because we can never be perfect, we cannot satisfy our own sin debt.

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Because no one can live a perfect life, we are completely unable to pay our sin debt. God knew we could never pay our sin debt, so He made a way for us to be reconciled to Him. Jesus came to the earth, became like us, and lived the perfect life that we could not. He did what we could never do—live as a human without ever sinning. Because He became fully man while remaining fully God, He could be the perfect sacrifice for us. He took our place on the cross, dying the death that we all deserve to die. He paid our sin debt in our place and felt the full wrath of God that we deserve to experience. His death satisfied our sin debt. His blood made forgiveness possible for us.

[THEREFORE]

How does Jesus' death in your place lead you to a better understanding of the cost of our salvation?

Psalm 103:12 shows us that God's forgiveness means our sins are removed from His thoughts. Daniel 9:9 tells us that God is merciful and forgives us even though we are rebellious. Our salvation cost God His only Son as John 3:16 tells us. Romans 8:31-39 reminds us of the sacrifice that was necessary for our sins.

1. Romans 8:32: God willingly sent His Son to die in our place that we might have the offer of forgiveness for our sin.

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BIG IDEA #2: THE SON OFFERS US FORGIVENESS.²

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Jesus' sinless life meant that He was the perfect sacrifice for our sin. Because He died without sin, but took on our sin, we can be free from our sin debt. Jesus' death fully satisfied the sin debt that every person who has ever lived or will ever live owes. No other work or sacrifice is needed for our sin debt. When God first instituted the sacrificial system for Israel's sins, the sacrifices had to be repeated because they were only sufficient for a period of time. When Jesus came and died on the cross, God saw His death as completely satisfactory. No other offering is needed to atone for our sin. Jesus' work on the cross makes forgiveness possible. Jesus took our place in death and now He offers us forgiveness for our sins.

[THEREFORE]

Read Romans 8:31-39. How does Jesus' offer of forgiveness show us we cannot earn it?

These verses teach us that it is God who justifies us and sanctifies us. There is nothing we can do to earn our forgiveness. Galatians 2:16 teaches us that we cannot work to have forgiveness for our sin, but we must have faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us that our forgiveness and salvation are gifts from God and not because of anything that we do.

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Jesus offers forgiveness to everyone who believes. To believe is more than acknowledging God exists or even that Jesus is who He says He is. To have saving faith, or belief means to repent of our sin and to believe that the only way to have forgiveness is through Jesus. We will never see genuine saving faith apart from repentance. Jesus' offer of forgiveness is a complete forgiveness that requires no other sacrifice. Once we have saving faith, we are set free forever to live for God and to obey His Word. We are no longer held captive by our sin natures. This means that we can offer forgiveness to those who wrong us, we can love others as Christ loves us, and we can walk in faithfulness because we are reconciled to God.

[THEREFORE]

What does the world say faith in Jesus looks like? What does the Bible say?

James 2:18-23 teach us that when we have true saving faith, our lives will reveal that we have been reconciled to God and His Spirit is at work in our hearts. James 2:19 specifically speaks to the idea that a person can believe that Jesus is real, yet not have saving faith that brings eternal life. The world sees faith as a belief in something, but the world does not require a recognition or repentance of our sins. The world offers a faith that does not concern itself with our sinfulness, but is only interested in a belief in some power that desires our happiness.

How does your life reveal you have received the forgiveness Jesus offers?

2 Corinthians 5:17 teaches us that when we have saving faith, we become new creations. Our hearts are made new and we are no longer held captive by our sin nature. Colossians 3:9-10 tells us to put off the former things and when we have received the forgiveness of Jesus, we can begin to put to death the sin that is within us. We can walk in obedience because Jesus has set us free and we are free forever.

2. Luke 23:33: Jesus was crucified as an innocent man and offered salvation to the thief on the cross next to Him asking for forgiveness.

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BIG IDEA #3: THE SON COVERS US IN GRACE.³

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We have Jesus' offer of forgiveness because of God's grace. God sent Jesus to the earth because He is a gracious and merciful God. God was not reluctant to send Jesus. God was not surprised by our need for a Savior. It was His plan to rescue us from our sinfulness. He willingly sent His only Son to die in our place. It was God's plan to sacrifice Jesus so that we might be reconciled to Him. God's willing sacrifice is a show of His lavish grace and mercy on us, a rebellious and sinful people. We reject and rebel against God, yet God shows us mercy. While we were still sinners that Jesus died for us. In Luke's account of Jesus' death, we see that it was while we were still sinners, Jesus suffered and died for us.

[THEREFORE]

What distracts and draws your focus away from God's work of grace in your life?

Titus 2:11 tells us that it is the grace of God that offers salvation. We can easily take for granted that it is by God showing us grace, or giving us what we don't deserve, that we are saved. Hebrews 4:16 reminds us that we are reconciled to God by His grace. John 1:14 tells us that God sent His grace when He sent Christ. If we miss that we are in need of this grace, we will overlook just how lavish God's grace is.

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Jesus' death washes us clean because God chooses to see those with saving faith as righteous. 1 John 1:9 teaches us that those who have saving faith are washed clean of their unrighteousness. 1 John 3:1 tells us that we are called the children of God when we have saving faith. This means that God's grace cleanses us completely of our sinfulness, or unrighteousness. It makes us clean and in right standing with God. We are reconciled to Him because He lavishes His grace on us. Because of Jesus' life and death, we are seen as God's children when we have saving faith. God's grace cleanses us so that we are no longer seen as God's enemies, but instead, He calls us sons and daughters.

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What behaviors and attitudes should the knowledge of God's grace elicit in us?

In 2 Corinthians 4:15, we see the principle that those who understand God's grace will be led to give thanks and praise His name. Psalm 95:2-3 teaches us that praise should be our response to the wonderful deeds of our gracious God. Lastly, Colossians 3:16-17 teach us that our words and deeds should be done for the glory of God and we should teach and admonish one another because we have been joined together as the body of Christ.

If Christ covers us in grace, how can we in turn show grace to others?

Ephesians 4:29 tells us to consider how we speak and to speak in a way that builds others up. This is possible because of the grace that God has shown us. Colossians 3:13 tells us to forgive others as Christ has forgiven us. This is also possible because of the grace that God has shown us.

3. Luke 23:39-43: It is because of God's mercy and grace that we have an offer of forgiveness.