



redeemed

bible in 3 & 1 Corinthians 5-7

SCPC term 2 2008

sunday 18th may 2008

study 3 REDEMPTION Exodus 12

KEY VERSE FOR SERIES: "...you are not your own; you were bought at a price..." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

So we hit the final week of our '3 week Bible Overview', before resuming our journey through 1 Corinthians. In our first week of the series we saw the 'bookends' of the Bible Story: Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 21-22; creation and new creation; "beautiful one day, perfect the next". But we were left with two big questions: "what went wrong?", which we looked at last week in 'the Fall'; and "how did it ever get put right?", which we now take up in our 3rd study, 'Redemption'. And if the "what went wrong" story is all about US: fallen humans...Adam, Israel, Israel's kings... every person ever... reaching for independence from God; the "how did it every get put right?" story is very much all about JESUS: the perfectly obedient one, the lamb without blemish, the new Adam, the true Israel, the true king, the one who brings the blessing seen at creation and promised to Abraham—the one who redeems us, who buys us back to God with his blood, forever.

some notes on questions

Q1-2. There is no hiding from the seriousness of sin. It deserves the death penalty. EVERY house had a death that night: for the Egyptians, the death of their firstborn; for the Israelites, the death of this innocent lamb. Sin means death.

Q2. Yet God is showing his hand that while sin must be punished, his mercy is to provide a way for those who trust in him to be spared that punishment as it falls on an innocent substitute.

Q3. The Passover lamb (as John the Baptist announced—John 1:29) was a fore-runner to the true lamb of God, Jesus. He is the true sinless one (without blemish) who acts as our substitute.

Q4. Again, John is making it crystal clear that Jesus is the ultimate Passover lamb.

Q5. While John is the NT writer who makes more of the 'Passover lamb' theme than others, all the writers pick up on it. Quite simply, the Exodus was the ultimate day of salvation in the Old Testament—for Israel... but now there is a Passover lamb who not only fulfils Israel's hopes for a once-for-all never to be repeated sacrifice (see Hebrews) but this lamb is for people of all nations to trust in and know God's forgiveness and salvation.

Q6. With this 'redemption' language Paul also echoes the Exodus—we have been bought out of slavery to sin and death just as Israel were bought by God out of slavery in Egypt.

Q7-8. The Fall is our story, Redemption is Jesus' story. It's all about trusting in Jesus!

Q9. Be sure to flick again through Rev 21-22 & see the prominence of 'the lamb' image for Jesus: the lamb is the bridegroom; removes the curse; replaces the temple; replaces the sun...

Q10. The lamb wins us new creation, but through the redemption of his blood we belong to God NOW. And so we are to be those who listen again to God as obedient children.

digging deeper: notice the 'once for all time', heart-changing nature of this new act of salvation

from the committee of management

Committee met Wed night and ask you to bring to the attention of your group:

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| budget 2008 | = \$3988 per week |
| actual so far 2008 | = \$3482 per week |
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