

REDEEMED!

1 Peter 1:13-21

Titus 2:11-14

Romans 8:18-30

Disciples of Christ

- Goal #4: KNOW God (John 17:2-3)
 - “My people do NOT know Me.” (Isaiah 1:3-4; Jer 2:8; 4:22; 9:3, 6; Hosea 4:1, 6; Romans 1:28)

Before Time Began

- God’s eternal purpose
- God’s eternal covenant
- Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:40; Hebrews 8:10-12; 10:15-17
- Titus 1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Ephesians 1:3-4; 3:11; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Revelation 13:8

THEN Time Began (Genesis 1:1)

- God moved ALL of history to gather to Himself His special people.

Four Cups of Passover - Reminders of God's Grace

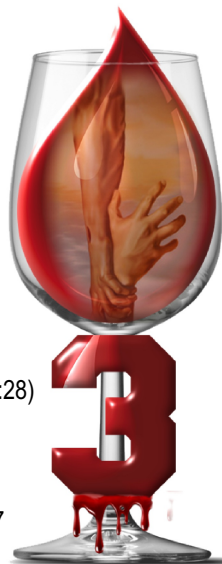
★ Golden Chain of Grace (Romans 8:28-30)



- **Cup of Sanctification**
 - Electing and sanctifying grace
- **Cup of Judgment**
 - Propitious, merciful grace
- **Unleavened Bread**
 - Imputation; Surety
- **Cup of Redemption**
 - Redeeming and justifying grace
- **Cup of Praise and Hope**
 - Glorifying grace

Missing Cups in the Gospels - WHY?

- Cup of Judgment & Cup of Praise and Hope



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GRACE

Our Need for Redemption

- We are ALL born into this world CONDEMNED and SLAVES.
 - We are **already** CONDEMNED! (John 3:36)
 - We are slaves of SATAN. (2 Tim 2:26; Eph 2:2)
 - We are slaves to our own LUSTS. (Titus 3:3; Ephesians 2:3)
 - We are slaves to SIN. (Romans 6:18, 20)
 - We are born into BONDAGE. (Hebrews 2:15)
- We are ALL born into this world with a NEED to be set FREE.
- GOD sent His Son into the world to SET US FREE. (John 8:32, 36)
- “the soul that sins **must** die” (Ezekiel 18:4)

REQUIRED: A KINSMAN-Redeemer (Leviticus 25:47-49)

- ❶ He must be **related by birth**. He took upon Himself flesh and blood to save His brethren. (See Hebrews 2:11-12)
 - In order to be related by birth we must have the **same** Father. (See John 1:13; 3:5-8; 20:17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 3:9)
- ❷ He must be **able** to pay. Jesus Christ was **able** because He was “God manifested in the flesh.” (1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6)
 - All authority and power was given to Christ. (Matt. 28:18; 11:27)
- ❸ He must be **free** Himself. Christ was FREE from all SIN! (2 Cor. 5:21)
- ❹ He must be **wealthy** to pay.
 - He bought us with His **pure, blameless, precious** blood. (1 Peter 1:18-19)
 - He was RICH and became POOR for us. (2 Corinthians 8:9)
 - He was the ONLY One able to purchase a soul. (Psalm 49:15)
- ❺ He must be **willing** to redeem.
 - Christ voluntarily **gave** Himself. (John 10:18; Ephesians 5:2; Gal. 2:20)
 - Christ came to give His life as a RANSOM for many. (Matthew 20:28)

Understanding REDEMPTION

- “to redeem” means “to set free by paying a price”.- “a ransom” - see Matt 20:28
- “to redeem” means to BUY SOMETHING.
- “to redeem” **does NOT mean to make a purchase POSSIBLE**.
- Christ came to REDEEM (SAVE) His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)
 - **EITHER HE DID IT OR HE DID NOT DO IT.**
- When someone goes into a store to make a purchase:
 - ❶ He SELECTS or CHOOSES what he wants.
 - ❷ He takes it to the cashier and he PAYS the FULL PRICE for it.
 - ❸ **ONCE** he pays – it is HIS! (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - ❹ **ONCE** he pays for it he **TAKES** it for His own.
 - He DOES NOT *invite* the item home with him – HE TAKES IT HOME TO BE WITH HIM.

Christ Came to the Earth to Redeem HIS People

★ Christ Came to Earth ----

- To **seek** His people. (Luke 19:10 in contrast to Romans 3:11)
 - "HIS PEOPLE" --
 - Those chosen by God in Him before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:3-4)
 - Those given to Him by the Father. (John 6:37-40; 17:2, 6, 8-9, 11, 24; Hebrews 2:11-13)
 - Sheep given to Him by the Father. (John 10:29)
- ★ NO ONE SEEKS GOD! (Romans 3:11; Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3)
- To **find** HIS PEOPLE. (Luke 15:4-7)
- To **purchase** (redeem) HIS PEOPLE. (Matthew 20:28; John 10:15-16, 18; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 7:23; Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9)
- To **take** HIS PEOPLE home with Him! OR "to bring us to God". (Eph 2:6; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:1-3)
- Christ's redemption is **DONE, ETERNAL, IRREVOCABLE** (Hebrews 9:12; Ephesians 1:3-4, 5, 7; Philippians 1:6; Romans 11:29)
- Christ's redemption is **ABUNDANT!** (Psalm 130:7)
- Not ALL but MANY - A "Peculiar People" (Titus 2:14)
- Christ came to redeem God's peculiar (special) people. (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14)
 - Modern Day English: *strange, queer, odd, uncommon, unusual*
 - Old English: (1) **belonging exclusively to one person**
(2) *felt to be a characteristic of only one; DISTINCTIVE*
(3) *different from the usual or normal*
(4) *something exempt from the ordinary jurisdiction of whose territory it lies.*

He Came to Do the Father's Will (Hebrews 8:10-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34)

- ★ (Mark 14:24) THE BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT - meditate!
- IF Christ does the will of the Father (Hebrews 10:7) God will keep His covenant for His elect; His special people; His peculiar people.
- **GOD'S PROMISES ----**
 - ① **I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR MIND.**
 - Our darkened understanding will be enlightened. (Ephesians 4:18; 5:8)
 - By this we will be able to understand the things of God. (1 Cor. 2:14)
 - The Law of God becomes the RULE of LIFE.
 - The carnal mind is enmity against God and is NOT subject to God's law. (Romans 8:7)
 - By having the Law in our minds it is ever before us to guide us!
 - ② **I WILL WRITE MY LAWS ON THEIR HEARTS.**
 - The "heart" is distinguished from the "mind" and is the seat of affections and the will.

- First, our understanding is enlightened and then our hearts are reformed.
 - Our desires, affections, emotions and our DOINGS are regulated by the law which is written on our hearts.
 - We have a genuine desire to please God. (Psalm 42:1; 63:1)
 - We become *zealous for good works*. (Titus 2:14)
- ③ **I WILL BE TO THEM A GOD.**
- This is an expression of a covenant relationship.
 - Unbelievers live “without God, and without hope.” (Ephesians 2:12)
 - God promises to be their Lawgiver, Counselor, Protector, Keeper, Guide, Comforter, and all that is GOD.
- ④ **I WILL MAKE THEM MY PEOPLE.**
- We are a PURCHASED people. We belong to God. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 - We are HIS PECULIAR people. (1 Peter 2:9)
- ⑤ **I WILL CAUSE THEM TO KNOW ME.**
- The **ONLY** way to intimately KNOW God is for Him to reveal Himself to us.
 - Christ reveals the Father to whom He desires. (Matthew 11:27)
 - Salvation (eternal life) is KNOWING GOD. (John 17:3)
- ⑥ **I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**
- “merciful” is ἵλεως hileos {hil'-eh-oce} which means “propitious”
 - God can be merciful only to those for whom Christ was a PROPITIATION – Romans 3:24, 25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10
- ⑦ **I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.**
- God SAVES for His own sake! (Isaiah 43:25)
 - God has promised to FORGIVE our sins **and** to FORGET them.
 - This is the meaning of PARDON. (Jeremiah 33:8)
 - Only God can FORGIVE and FORGET! (Mark 2:7)
 - God PROMISED through the prophet Micah to cast all of our sins into the sea! (Micah 7:19)
 - The Gospel message is FORGIVENESS of SINS – Acts 13:38 and “by Him” (Christ) we are JUSTIFIED (declared righteous; pardoned) for ALL things – Acts 13:39.

Have You Been BOUGHT?

- Are you one of God’s peculiar (special people)?
- What is your evidence? (Titus 2:14)
- If BOUGHT then you are not your own - your body and spirit belong to God. (2 Corinthians 6:19-20; 7:23)
- If redeemed then you have a NEW MASTER - God. (Luke 17:7-10)
 - You are a SLAVE of GOD. (Romans 6:22; 1 Peter 2:16)
 - You are a SLAVE of Christ. (1 Corinthians 7:22)
 - You are a SLAVE of the “body of Christ”. (Mat 20:25-28; 2 Cor 4:5)
 - You are a SLAVE of righteousness. (Romans 6:18, 20)