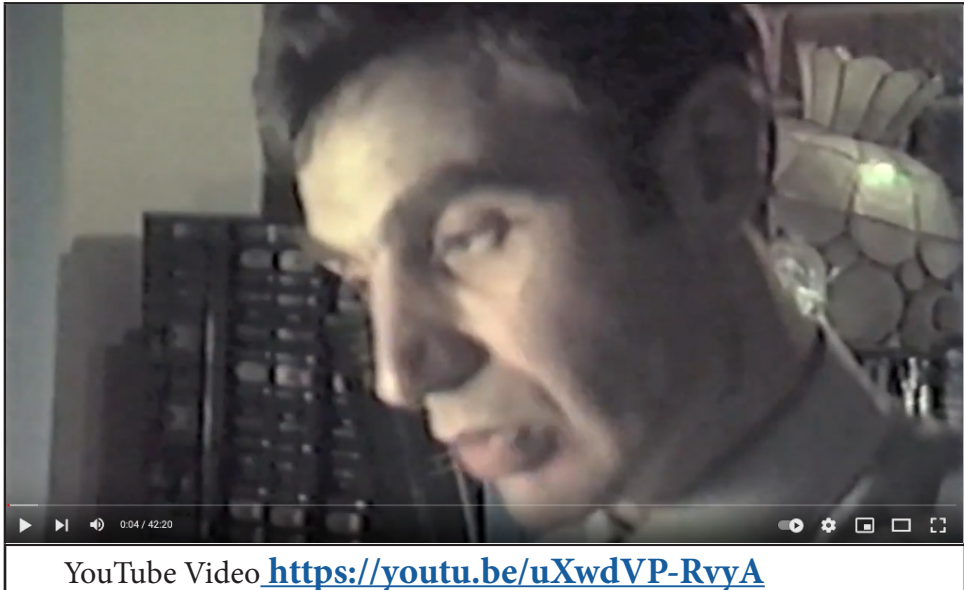


PARTICULAR REDEMPTION

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I would like to direct your attention to the verse found in the text of Scripture we read this morning, the first epistle of Peter, and chapter one and we shall read the verse, the verses 18, 20, and 21, For as much as we know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your father's but by the precious blood of Christ as, of a lamb without blemish, and without spot that was foreordained, before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times, for you, verse 21, who by him do believe in God, who raised him up from the dead and gave him glory that your faith and hope might be in God.

From the text in particular the verse in 19 But with the precious blood of Christ.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is all to do with redemption and to redeem means to buy back, and to purchase, and to give a price for an item or object or thing.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is to do with a great transaction and as is to do with the soul being sold, as it were into slavery, that is

under sin¹, and being purchased and brought back, through a great price², and from this text we see that the great price paid for our redemption is the precious blood³ of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we see the objects which were redeemed, they are souls, they are people, and he speaks in terms of the personal pronoun as us and we, and so on.

This then is the subject of our gospel, redemption. Redemption by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now if we consider various religions in the world they, some of them seem to know nothing of this great doctrine but this is the sum substance of the gospel. We need to be redeemed, in order to be saved. There is no salvation but through the redemption which it by Christ Jesus.

Now to look into this doctrine then we need to look into the Scriptures, because the doctrine of redemption are derived and taught clearly in the scriptures they are taught no where else, they are taught entirely in the scriptures.

Under the law, under the first Testament and I full blown part of it is manifested in the New, and we see that it is all to do with Redemption and by blood.

Peter introduces the costs and he speaks of our redemption in terms firstly he says that we are redeemed not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, that is those things which are precious in men's minds. To the natural man these things are of value such as items of gold silver precious jewels.

To the natural man⁴, often to many of them, these are a great price but that's not what we are talking about. Though they are great in esteem in men's minds these things have no esteem with God and these will not redeem the soul. No material wealth can redeem the soul.

The price of our Redemption was blood, the blood, the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, precious blood, because it has purchased, redemption, eternal redemption⁵, saved through that blood.

1 Romans 7:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

2 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

3 Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

4 1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

5 Hebrews 9:12 "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

That is the price of our redemption so we have this great contrast or contrasts and he speaks, so we cannot speak then too much about the price of our redemption.

Now you may wonder why I choose such a subject. I was asked this morning why did you choose the text, or the subject this matter.

Well now, the reason why I brought this subject is this because, I do believe that we are living in a dreadful day concerning religion, when there are multitudes and many that profess the name of the Lord Jesus Christ are being swayed, swayed to receive, and being persuaded to accept the teaching of Roman Catholicism, the doctrines of Rome and the freedom of the will, which they teach. The religious believe Rome has some virtue, some truth and we know that this day or ours we will have the Pope coming to Britain and he will offer up publicly the mass, which is supposed to be the redemption by which sinners are saved by.

Well now, I say multitudes of being swayed and you will see in this modern ecumenical movement that they will say through these outpouring of the Holy Ghost, which they say people being baptized, as it is by the Holy Ghost, they say making us all one, and breaking down those barriers which once were between us making us all, because we're all brethren in Christ Jesus.

And you will see that men are laying aside, and putting aside doctrine, vital truths, which are the means whereby our souls are edified by our Redemption, because when a sinner saved he needs to know he has peace with God⁶, because the Spirit of God teaches a sinner he is lost and he will see in scripture he hath need of redemption and if God is offended how can he have peace with God and forgiveness of saints? and this can only be through the means which God has provided and such a sinner need to seek the scriptures and the word of truth and will want to know how it is that he a sinner may have peace. Those who are called to forsake their sins will be exercised this way and not every body is convicted to seek God in this way but some are.

It is to them this salvation is sent.

He will be told in the Scripture that it is through the precious blood once offered⁷, not many times, not continually but once, and the Lord

for us.”

6 Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

7 Hebrews 9: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Jesus Christ is now in heaven pleading the merits of that shedding blood and all the benefits of grace given and dispensed throughout the whole age of the Christian Church come by virtue of that sacrifice which he made once at the end of time⁸, that is the end of the age, we're living in the age after the rule by Moses and the Jewish age. The Lord Jesus died one once and the merits of that precious blood of and life's work, the outpouring of his gifts and graces of the Spirit God, are by virtue of it, and the Lord Jesus is the mediator of the New Testament, and saints throughout all ages⁹ were saved and redeemed by that shedding of blood.

So then the subject matter tonight there is redemption. Salvation by blood, an atonement provided and made by God himself God. God finding the price and giving up his only begotten Son¹⁰ to redeem to save by blood.

Now I say that's one reason why I bring the text or this subject tonight is this because taught in the majority of churches you will find that those that come to experience and believe, they do have some experience of the Lord and yet they believe and are persuaded to believe that the redemption by Christ Jesus was universal, that is a say that when the Lord Jesus Christ died he died for every individual person, and made satisfaction for their sins, and they will believe this, and I can understand why in some cases they do because there are certain scriptures, certain texts which appear to teach this, but we need to be taught the gospel as it is in Christ Jesus. We need to be taught the glorious doctrines of election, justification¹¹, regeneration, particular redemption, and all of these things we need to be taught from the scriptures, and I say, my fear and I'll believe I have some reason to believe this because of the scriptural teaching that this nation, this coming generation will be swayed after this papal visit to receive the doctrines of Rome and of Erasmus who Luther contended with in his battle against so called free will, and universal Redemption.

God will preserve his church, but many will be swayed and you people that hold these truths will be spoken against and distracted and ridiculed

8 Hebrews 9:26 "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

9 Ephesians 3:21 "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

10 John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

11 Romans 8:30 - Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

and they will call you all kinds of names if you hold the truth that teaches Christ died in particular for each member of His Church. I know women find this truth difficult to handle because many take offence and if you restrict the ordinances of your church to those that believe these things. They will say you are being bigoted, half-hearted and you haven't the love of God and so on. And I believe that this will come about as men receive the Pope and the Popery and this false anti-Christian system of religion.

You may think I'm scaring you but I believe the scriptures teach it¹². Now you know in the book Revelations it speaks of there are two witnesses that speak and they testify and speak and they have power of whom, Moses and Elijah the two prophets. One had power to stop the rain and that I have power to turn the sea¹³ into blood and bring plagues on the earth, you know the two witnesses, I believe they represent ministers of the New Testament church and speak of all that the prophets speak the doctrines of Christ redemption. They speak in the last age, the age before Christ coming in that time when judgment was to come upon apostate Israel and they speak against anti-Christian religion, and these have power as it were to have stop the heavens and so on, but this is the authority which they have. And sent preachers do have authority and declare and preach the gospel of sovereign grace and there is a day coming when their mouth should be stopped the day is not here yet but there is a means to that end and the world will rejoice when they do not preach the sovereign rule of God and the saving grace which is by Christ Jesus alone. So that's what I bring this subject to you redemption by Christ Jesus

The matter then is particular redemption and I hope to bring to you these truths and showing from Scripture that this is so.

To do this I'd like to bring my personal testimony to you, as how this truth came to dawn upon soul, because this is a great precious truth to me and sum up my whole salvation that Christ hath redeemed me, once when he died on the cross¹⁴ my sins were punished in his own body on the tree, and all his church with him and by virtue of that I am saved.

Well now this truth of particular redemption that Christ died

12 2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

13 Revelation 11:3 "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

14 1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

particularly for the church and for me as a member of that body came to me several years ago. I believe it was in 1971 a 1972. I was not in membership of any particular church but I was attending a Pentecostal church in Lowestoft. Not long before that, previously to the Lord called me by His grace. And there were so many churches. I wasn't in a church when the Lord called me but there are so many churches, so where should I attend, and where should I worship God, and so on.

There were many churches believing a range of various truths and not all consistent teaching different things and so I was in the Pentecostal church. And some of the things which they taught were scriptural and true, but others not I do believe, and I don't write them off as not being saved, because I do believe there are many of those that are saved.

But now as regards the doctrine of particular redemption it began to dawn upon me and I saw this, if Christ, when he died, died and made satisfaction for the sins of the whole world then why is it that there are some already now perishing in hell for their own sins. If the Lord died on the cross and made satisfaction for the sins of let's say Pharaoh¹⁵, Judas¹⁶, Simon Magus¹⁷, and those who sin against the Holy Ghost, where there is no forgiveness of sins. If Jesus died in particular for these people and made satisfaction to God's justice then how is it that they will give account for these sins and punish them for them on the judgment day. There seemed to be a contradiction in terms, because the scriptures teaches me that God is just and justifier¹⁸ of them that believe in Jesus Christ. And when God deals with man He deals justly.

The justice of God is such that men must give an account of all their sins on the day of judgement. The gospel of Christ teaches the Lord Jesus Christ made full atonement for the sins of men when he died and rose again and is now in heaven pleading the merits of his work for all who die in faith. He did not die and make satisfaction of the sins of those who do not and will not believe.

This salvation and redemption which is by Christ Jesus has been made once and when the Lord Jesus Christ died he made satisfaction for the sins of the whole of his church every sin, all your sins that have believed

15 Exodus 15:4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea."

16 Acts 1:25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

17 Act 8: 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

18 Romans 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

in the Lord, all their sins were imputed to the lord when he died¹⁹. Now these things dawned upon me when I was in the Pentecostal church and these things so filled my soul that it was marvellous. Magnificent I could go with the fullness, as it were assurance, and confidence knowing that all of my sins be forgiven for Christ sake. And I was so filled with these things and I knew that there were contrary teachers taught in the church and I called the minister of the church and the deacon of the church and I asked if I could see them and speak to them about these things which I've seen. And I remember writing out the reasons and so on how it was wonderful I went to see these ministers and i spoke to them about these things and they seemed unmoved, seemed unconcerned. I just thought to myself why can't they see. I was young and perhaps impetuous. I still am young, may be impetuous but this is the way scripture, when the truth of God takes hold of a man it takes hold of him the soul rejoices in these things and these are the experiences of saints. I knew we are encouraged to contend earnestly for for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

So I spoke to these men of these things and out there they'd reason dust that well they do believe that the atonement made by the Lord Jesus Christ was for all and every person that he made full satisfaction for all their sins but if we look in the Testament we see that Aaron the High Priest must in fact apply the blood and they reason this that the sinner must by his own will come to Christ, set himself free from his own captivity, he must come and turn again and appeal to God and only then the blood be applied.

And today there those that speak and men are today speaking terms in terms of sufficiency and efficiency. The the atonement was sufficient for the whole world but efficient only for the elect.

Well now had the Lord designed the atonement designed to redeem the whole world then atonement would sufficient for the whole work because the Lord Jesus Christ could have redeemed ten thousand worlds with His own blood, had he chosen to do so, and had that been His part in the covenant of redemption. That never was the intention and so it does not come into play. There is no reason for sufficient and efficiency. Its a meddling with words and people will be swept away there is a man, a man speaking in London call Kendall speaking these things. His is now the minster of Dr. Lloyd Jones the minister of Westminster Chapel, They talk in terms of what they call the four points of Calvinism and so on.

And the thing is the natural man objects to, and they think this is put

¹⁹ 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

a stop to, and they think that God, or ministers stand in the way, and prevents men from coming to the Lord Jesus Christ, as though the natural man, in a state of his unregenerate nature wants to come to be saved. They think we are saying no you cannot come as the Lord has only redeemed a few. Its not like that friends don't be deceived. Don't think that is the way, God is not like that. You see the natural man will never repent, cannot repent because he's bound by sin, bound by a corrupt nature and it's not the case that men are seeking and crying out for God and God says no.

It's this case, that the man says no, but God says you will. And when it speaks in terms of God working effectively in men, we say no we will not, we will have our own way, we will be like stubborn asses and so on, and do what we will, but God had designs of peace and comfort for his people and makes them willing in the day of His power.

Then he comes for when the Lord Jesus Christ died he paid the penalty and he purchased the redemption for his people, that means he was able to purchase through his death, and his life's work, the authority to set men free. Then the Spirit of God comes and he works in a man and he gives them a new nature. Your regeneration²⁰ friends is through the covenant of grace. This could not come about unless it was but by that covenant made between the Son and the other persons in the Trinity.

Our redemption you see is legal, according to strict holy Justice, it purchased great things in justice.

So then let's come to these terms of redemption and look into scripture to see how its taught and so on.

I said the redemption is to do with buying back. Purchasing redeeming, paying a price. If we look in Scripture we can see various occasions and various accounts. The first mentioned of the word in Genesis is where Jacob blesses to his two grandsons. I think it's Manasseh and Ephraim²¹ and he blesses the lads and crosses his hands on their heads and he prays that the angel the Lord which has given him rest and help the Angel of the Lord and he's speaking there of the Jesus Christ which redeemed his soul. And then we go into Exodus and we see that the lord God of Israel has redeemed his people from out of Egypt bondage.

The two terms then are used in a transaction redeeming of souls, of people. The first mention of the word is the redemption which we are

²⁰ Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins:

²¹ Genesis 48:14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

talking about to be by Christ Jesus. The one from Egypt is the typical redemption that we have from Satan, from bondage, from darkness. There we have it then in Scripture. The redemption that we speak up then is that the souls of men, from out of Satan's Kingdom into God's marvellous light.

Now the term redemption is used fully throughout the whole of the first testament, which is only a manifestation of the covenant of grace and no fully in the New Testament. It speaks of the way in which these transactions were to be made. We have it through the sacrifices of lambs and so on. And we see that the blood had to be shed and the sins of the people of God had to be confessed on scape goats head and it was sent out into the wilderness so taking away sin and we have this pouring out of blood and so this all speaks to us of this great ransom which the Lord Jesus Christ paid.

Another example of redemption, you young that are buying houses, you know when you take out a mortgage you give up the deeds of that property for sum of money you agree to pay back a price of money and it may be a period of 20 years or 25 years and you will pay interest as well and at the end of that, time that period, you will have redeemed your property.

You have mortgaged your property and after that time once you've paid the price, the legal documents, which specify the ownership are giving back. You have redeemed the mortgage and those of you who sell a house if you've got to move, you have to move to another house, you have to redeem the legal documents that prove ownership, before you can get them back.

Now these are just copies of the real transactions which were made in eternity among the divine person in God. And they're are really just typical pictures of the redemption that we have by Christ Jesus.

Now in this text what does it say ? It says here you know you were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold from your vain conversation. There we have it we are redeemed, well in this particular text it speaks of vain conversation received by tradition of the fathers.

I believe this vein conversation is speaking of the false teaching of Pharisee ism and Apostate Isreal who when about seeking to provide their own righeousness²² and missing true righeousness which the Law only pointed to. But now we are taught we are redeemed from our sins and evil ways, and wicked ways, and being, and ruled by Satan and so on. And in a typical picture in the Old Testament the children of Israel were in bondage,

22 Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

under Satan's power, under Pharaoh and so one.

Well we are redeemed. So where we are redeemed, we are set free, we are set free in a legal way, as well scripture speak of the curse of the Law and given a heart to love the Lord.

You see when Adam sinned, and we in him²³, and when we sin and add guilt to our own souls, and we are in debt to the law. And the law of God, as it were, in the case of Adam demands payment. And if you were sold to sin as they were the law of God will demand payment unless the soul pays the price the it will remains in that bondage and remain in that condition and in the and suffer for the effects of that sin. And hell is real the judgment of God is a according truth²⁴. And God has prepared a place for them that sin, and continue in sin, will suffer eternally from the presence of the Lord forever.

Sin is, and has damning effects and this Redemption that we have, which is by Christ Jesus is from sin, from its power from the Law, we are legally freed, we are freed by the grace of the spirit, that's not to say the Christian doesn't sin but if we sin we have an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous.

We may seek the Lord, we may seek the Father, in Christ's name, appealing and pleading that blood, the precious blood of Christ, for sins committed.

There is redemption through his blood for all that are called, that's what the Scriptures said which we read in Hebrews. To them which are called²⁵, that is the way.

So then you see we have in the scripture many examples given of the redemption it is of the soul, from sin from a legal bondage, unto God and we have taught in the scripture that it is by blood and by the blood of none other than the precious Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I say the reason for teaching were coming with this subject is this because of what I fear to what I see was coming to pass in our land so now I say that it is particular that it's special the Lord died for his people made satisfaction for sin a vicarious a atonement that means on behalf of others

There is another person in our world that speaks of being a vicar that

23 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

24 Romans 2:2 "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

25 Romans 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

is the Pope he speaks of being the Vicar of Christ on earth his personal representative. Not so, there is it but one vicar, the Holy Ghost as it were, but the Lord Jesus Christ is the one from whom we have redemption.

I would like to go on and look at some texts of scripture that some people find difficult to reconcile with particular redemption they are are tossed to and fro, and they wonder really as this doctrine seems hard and it does seem hard because without the revelation and without the knowledge of God, without the Spirit of God teaching and showing how these things are so. They do appear, to the natural man, obnoxious they don't like it because they feel that they exclude them and these scriptures speak terrible things of God whom they imagine is altogether such as themselves²⁶.

Well now let's look to come of the scriptures. The first of these scriptures which are going to bring to you, I can't bring them at all to you, but the first is this one, John 3, 16. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life

Now there is a church in Aylesbury has this text above the pulpit and they appear to celibate in this and it's a great truth and I'm thankful that this is so that the God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. There are those that take this text and say well there you have its quite plain, in quite clear terms, that God so loved the world, all people, all people every where, all people that ever lived, from Adam right the way down to the end of the time, that He gave his only begotten Son. In what way they say, well to make atonement for their sins, and there they have it clearly, that we have scriptural teaching, quite categorically, that God so loved every individual that He gave His only begotten Son in that way to make redemption payment for debts, , and so on.

Well that is not what this or the rest of scripture teaches, it does not mean that the Lord Jesus Christ, that God the Father loved each individual, with a an eternal love, that He gave himself, on behalf of them and to die for them, to make to payment into the hands of divine Justice, paying the debts of all their sins making an atonement of their sin and to suffer on their behalf. It doesn't mean he did it for every individual. I'll show you what it means in a moment but you know that in the scriptures the word world is often used to specify not every individual but some of every sort

26 Psalm 50: 21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

and the word there means that God so loved the Gentiles. A concept strange to the Jew.

Now you see we must come back to the times of the New Testament and know the position of the Lord Jesus when speaking to and what the thoughts of the Jews were. They thought God loved their nation only.

And you know the problem with Peter he had to have a great vision given him that descended from heaven and when the Lord God spoken to him to take of the unclean beasts, and so on, he said no Lord I won't touch anything unclean. And the lord told him what I have cleansed, he's speaking of a gentile that the gospel is to be preached to the Gentiles. The Jews had a fond notion that they were chosen above all people God love then only. They trusted in their descent. The gospel you know in the old Old Testament speaks, to Abraham it is said that in thy seed (which is Christ) shall all nations be blessed, in the seed of Abraham shall all the nations of the world be blessed.²⁷

You see the Gospel extends it to all the world not the Jews only. And when the Lord Jesus Christ addressed Nicodemus you know that he was a Pharisee, he was a Jew that would perhaps led by the same thoughts he addressed Nicodemus. Nicodemus²⁸ I tell you that God loved not the Jews only, that is the elect among the Jews but also those among the Gentiles. God has loved his church which consists of Jew and Gentile and that's what the text means.

And okay let's come to another text that he in 1 John chapter 2, 2. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

And you see when people say oh there you have it again there you have it again it says the lord Jesus is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world every individual but friends that is not the truth of the scriptures it is not teaching that the world of all men are redeemed by Jesus Christ and that He is is the propitiation and has made satisfaction and paid the penalty and price on behalf of all people throughout all ages. No, John again is a Jew, and he's speaking to people there that he has made a propitiatory sacrifice for the whole world, not the Jews only, but also the gentiles.

Now in many places the personal pronoun is used such as we, us Christ gave himself for us, Christ gave himself for us, gave himself a sacrifice

²⁷ Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

²⁸ John 3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

and ransom from many. And so on, and there are many scriptures which you have to look and see to whom does it refer. Now people say well if the scripture is ambiguous how can you understand it and so on. Well you see the scripture says the secret of the Lord is with them that fear and he will reveal to you his covenant. And you know what that covenant.²⁹

It's the covenant of grace made it between the three persons of the Trinity before the world was.

Where in, in that great council, the terms of the covenant were made and agreed and ratified and ordered in all things sure, consideration was given to everything. God had chosen to save. God had set his love upon a vast number of people from every kindred tongue an nation called the elect.

And because God has designed the work there is a means to their salvation, when they fall into sin there is a means, and the Lord Jesus Christ the chief apostle, is the one who said I will go, in answer to, 'who shall I send and who shall go for us? This speaks as it were from that council. Who shall go for us³⁰, whom shall I send the Lord Jesus Christ comes in an office to fulfill his part in that covenant to redeem his people. You see the love of God is so great that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth whether they be Jew or gentile, strict Baptist, Roman Catholic, whatever denomination you are, whosoever believeth in him, may not perish but have everlasting life.

Therefore the doctrines of the gospel teaches this If you wish to be saved then Christ Jesus says come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden I will give you rest . The natural man never does thirst or seek righteousness, and cry to be free from sin because it is part of him.

One part of the redemption is that it frees the soul and it brings about a new birth it cries a spiritual cry. It wants, life it wants the Lord and that's the new nature speaking.

To such people the gospel is addressed, 'come unto me all ye at the ends world the end of the earth³¹, come on to me.' Because the spirit quickens and this is the Spirits work in the covenant of redemption.

So now these then are the things that the scriptures they teach.

Now they are hard things to some and there are many that cavil at these

29 Psalm 25:14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

30 Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

31 Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

things and speak against them. I find very few women are able to express and teach the truth.

But I bring these things to you tonight because of what I said, this is the age which are living in, many people will cast aside these things and accuse you of all kinds of things if you believe these things to be so, call you a hyper Calvinist, or holding to hard Calvinism, and if your life depends upon you drawing benefit for the truth of God you may have conflict of mind when you get into discussion with various people who call you cold, bigoted and they don't like what you say, you wonder are you really right and can you possibly be right.

Look to the scriptures see them, seek them for yourselves, be established in them find out the truth. Don't fear man but seek the word of God. Seek him and may He show you the way of truth and then be confident in it.

Stick by it, show men, teach them the way and rejoice in thy salvation, because it is complete, absolutely complete in Christ Jesus.

Now this means it is complete whatever comes to pass, whatever happens in the future. Come what may whether Satan comes and he brings up accusing scabbards and fiery darts³² towards that conscience of yours accusing you of all sin done in past and present.

Since your redemption is complete in Christ Jesus then you can laugh Satan. And your confidence is in the Lord Jesus Christ. For if God be for you who can be against you and prosper.

If you believe in him, then all that he has done is for you. If you desire to and if you have come to the Lord Jesus Christ it is because God loves you. He doesn't love every individual in the world but he does love his church. The scripture says Jacob have I loved Esau have I hated³³ that the purpose of election might stand. It was said before the children were born, as you know they were twins in the womb, Jacob was loved and chosen by God before either of them had done any good or evil the purpose of God according to election might stand. Jacob was not chosen because of his good deed for it is not of him that willeth but of God that shows mercy³⁴.

God had set his love upon Jacob out of His sovereign grace and passed by Esau so leaving him to live as he would, and so experience the awful effect of the fall.

32 Ephesians 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

33 Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

34 Romans 9:16 "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."

So in that sense this love and hatred expression is a contrast just like it is written in Luke's gospel Luke 14 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

The love of God to Jacob may be contrasted with God's none favour towards Esau it being as hatred, but not a positive way how ever we know God hates sin and all sinful ways.

Now the love which God has to the church is a great love and that body of people are those chosen in Christ from before the foundation of the world, Jesus died for them, made full atonement for them appeased the wrath of God against them. This was done once and for all time when Jesus died, was buried and rose again from the dead. When Jesus died, the church died, when Jesus rose from the dead the church rose with him. This is only true of believers and those who will believe the gospel it is not true to say this of every individual of the world. The world of fallen men was not redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ only his church.

Now friends if you want this salvation and if you wish to be saved from sin, hell and destruction and damnation, call upon the Lord Jesus Christ. He is only one to save. There's is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved³⁵. And there's only one atonement. One sacrifice, not multitude of sacrifices, one sacrifice for the sins of his people.

Call upon him. Call upon on the father that he may show unto you that that atonement was made for you. You see if there's a general redemption you haven't got to call upon the father or the Lord. There's no reason to call upon the Lord to show you because all you need to do is believe something that may be true or not.

Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is more than a notion in their head, it's going out with a whole soul and calling upon him, leaning upon him, calling out, resting on Christ for life, not just a nominal belief. The religious world believe after a fashion in God in some way, the devil believe in God in fear with fear and trembling, the belief which we speak of is saving faith alone.

Those that are exercised in spiritual matters believe according to his mighty of work which he wrought in Christ when he raising Him from the dead.

And if God has so worked in you friend rejoice and let as all rejoice because by Christ Jesus the world, Satan, all things that can be against us. We have wonderful peace with God and a great hope, a Living Hope

35 Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Christ in you, the hope of glory. Now I pray this might be each of our personal experience.

And so we will sing the new song

Revelation 5:9 “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;”

Here we are to understand the new song praises God for their redemption from out of every kindred, tongue and nation and that Redemption is by the his blood. It does not teach that every person from every kindred nation and tongue were redeemed. The church or people of God were redeem not the whole world and many people mistakenly think.

Amen

May we seek God to bless us as we depart. Oh gracious God and Father in heaven of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray that the blessing of God the Father and of the Son and the gracious communion of the Holy Ghost may be with us now and each and every one that has called upon Christ Jesus for evermore. Amen.

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