

THE GATHERING OF THE INLAND VALLEY

THE REDEEMED: CELL CURRICULUM

REGENERATION

THEME VERSE

Psalm 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary.

Review: Redemption, Ransom, Forgiveness, Justification, Covering vs. Remission

GQ? Do a review of the series by reviewing the differences between these words.

i.e. What picture comes to mind from the teaching on ransom?

i.e. How is forgiveness the result of our redemption?

i.e. What is the difference between covering vs. remission? What is the significance? How does this make our Christianity different to Judaism? How does this enable us to have freedom? How does this affect our mental state and/or behavior day to day?

I. KNOW THE VALUE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD!

A. Einstein is quoted as saying, "Until you know value you know nothing"

1 Peter 1:18 ...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

- If you gather enough of anything you can add value. i.e. dirt, gravel, sand, rock, toothpicks
- Or if something is rare, in limited supply, or unique one of a kind. i.e. Monet, Michael Angelo, Rembrandt
- Compare the value of 1 drop of the precious blood of Jesus vs. the blood from the millions of bulls, goats and doves.
- The blood of Jesus is incomparable [See parables of Pearl of Great Price, or Treasure in a field Matthew 13]

GQ? What is the blood of Christ coming to mean to you?

How does this knowledge effect you attitude in the work place, home, relationships?

Who is God calling me to forgive today?

What relation can you see in Matt 13 parables and 1 Peter 1:18; what response are we supposed to draw from this comparison?

1 Cor 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.

Col 1:27 ...to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

- Boast in the Lord not in our works; there is nothing we can add to Jesus' work of redemption
- Jesus is our redemption; Christ alone
- Compare with Col 1:27 'Christ in us'
- Our spiritual diet determines our spiritual health; Good in good out or garbage in garbage out [We are what we eat]
- Eat the scroll

GQ? Have someone read aloud Gal 5:22. If Christ is IN us what are the implications of this verse and 1 Cor 1:30 [Christ IS our redemption, IS our wisdom, IS our sanctification? What does this have to say about depression? Hate? Anxiety? Fear? How do we practically activate our faith in the face of _____? Give examples Is there something obtainable with Christ withIN us? What's available?

Case Study:

Sally works in an office and has a difficult boss. Her boss often withholds appreciation for Sally's work while verbally praising all the other employees regularly. Even though Sally comes in early and stays late she cannot seem to do anything right in her boss's eyes and as a result has been passed up by several of her peers for promotions and raises. While Sally is a Christian and draws her strength from the Lord she can't help but to feel resentment and bitterness trying to gain a foothold in her heart. Based on the scriptures above what is Sally to do?

II. EXPECT THE SEED TO MATURE

1 Peter 1:23 ...for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

- Seed [sperma] Transfers characteristics (DNA) of the parents
- Like it not we are all a witness to our mother and father's union
- Older we get the more we look and sound and sound like our parents
- Amazing to see the older I get the smarter my parents have become

GQ? What are the implications of these truths when applied spiritually?

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- Born again-regenerated
- Know the ways of God

1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides [remains] in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

- The Christ seed remains to bring to fruition all the characteristics
- The seed remains to bring complete transformation
- We now have a new nature; free from sin; one which is alive [not shine up old nature]
- Inherent in the seed is the power to overcome and live victoriously
- It's our birthright to arise in Christ and let our enemies be scattered
- Some radical is happening on the inside of us.

GQ? Name an expectation you can now have knowing the [Christ] seed remains?
What is one thing you will begin to have faith for knowing the seed remains?
What feeling do you associate now with this revelation?

III. USE FAITH FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN MEDIOCRITY

Ezekiel 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

- New heart; New Spirit; New Nature
- In Christianity we are not trying to shine up the old nature, but have received a NEW NATURE.
- A spiritual nature; the indwelling Spirit of God

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- Believe the Bible not what seems to be the facts [Powerless and nominal Christianity expressed by the majority of the church]
- The mediocrity of others is no excuse to settle ourselves
- Are we going to fly low like the crows are soar like the eagles? You pick.
- No excuses to settle. Settling will lead to lukewarmness [see the warning Jesus gives to the lukewarm church in Rev. 3:14-16]

GQ? In what ways have you settled? and why?