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ACTS 17:11

Hebrews 2:9-10
Lesson #6
Redemption
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The majesty of Christ

HEBREWS

2:9-10
Redemption
(The Word of the Cross)

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Hebrews 2 The Incarnation

Jesus came to:

1. Reaffirm human dignity vs.5-8
(previous lesson)

*Adam was created in the image of God.
That image was blemished by Adam's sin.
Jesus came to reaffirm the dignity
of that image as the 2nd Adam.*

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<p><i>Romans 5:14</i> "Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come."</p> <p>1st Adam The Adam of Genesis Entered the world sinless but fell. Spread sin and guilt to us. All who are in Adam died. A mortal body</p>	<p><i>1 Corinthians 15:45</i> "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit."</p> <p>2nd Adam The Christ of Gethsemane Entered the world sinless and conquered sin and death Bore the guilt of sin for us. All who are in Christ are given life. A spiritual body</p>
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We are to treat all humans with respect.

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Hebrews 2 The Incarnation

Jesus came to:

1. Reaffirm human dignity vs.5-8
2. Redeem humans from sin vs.9-10

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Jesus came to redeem the fallen.

Hebrews 2

"9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, **that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.** 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, **in bringing many sons to glory,** to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."

Two uniquenesses of Christianity

- Its founder came for the purpose of dying.
- Its members celebrate the founder's death as an act of worship.

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1. The calling and mission of Jesus

John 1:21

“the Lamb of God that **takes away the sin of the world.**”

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give his life a ransom** for many.”

John 2:4

“**My hour** has not yet come.”

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1. The calling and mission of Jesus

Jesus' Atonement for sin

- satisfied God's wrath - **propitiation**
- pays the debt of sin - **redemption**
- legally declared holy - **justification**
- made peace with God - **reconciliation**
- set apart for God - **sanctification**
- rescued from harm - **salvation**

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Three different **emphases** of Christianity



It's about legal **justification.**

What Christ does FOR us



It's about personal **regeneration.**

What Christ does IN us



It's about social **justice.**

What Christ does THROUGH us

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2. The Scripture's emphasis in the GOSPELS

Jesus' 3 year ministry

The Passion & Resurrection



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2. The Scripture's emphasis in the EPISTLES

Jesus' 3 year ministry

The Passion & Resurrection

birth, teaching, miracles, deeds of Jesus

The emphasis of the Epistles

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3. The great symbols of the faith are NOT



The Law



The towel and basin

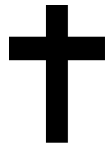


Crown of a King

reminding us of the life and ethics of Jesus.

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3. The great symbols of the faith ARE



The Cross



The Lord's Supper



Baptism

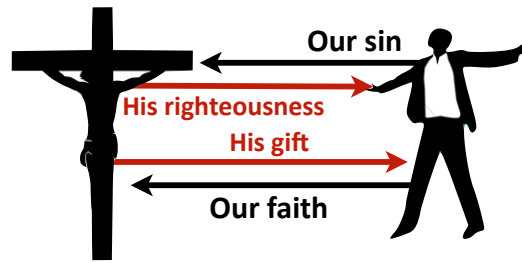
reminding us of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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4. The great exchange

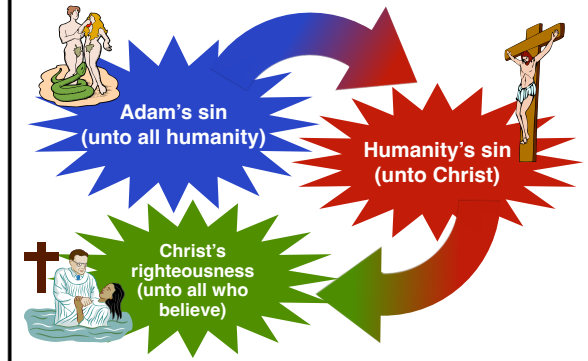
2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf**, so that we **might become the righteousness** of God in Him.”



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4. Three great imputations



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The temple priest was ceremonially sanctified with water before he performed his sacred duties.



This had to do with his official position not his personal character.

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Water baptism is the positional washing of believer priests.

“ . . . baptism now saves you, . . . the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 3:21

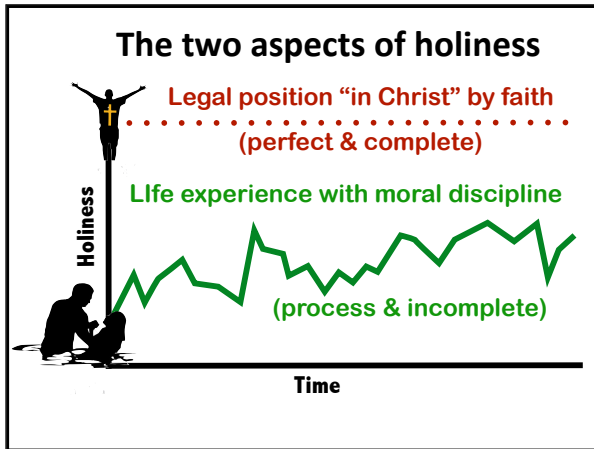


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Positional truth

- ✓ It is a decree & not a felt experience.
- ✓ It is not progressive.
- ✓ It is not related to human merit.
- ✓ It is not related to moral reform.
- ✓ It fully satisfies the demands of a perfectly holy God.
- ✓ **It must be learned through teaching & applied by faith.**

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The Gospel Train

- **Facts make the train go**
- **Faith provides the fuel**
- **Fruit is the earthly cargo**
- **Feelings make a good ride**

Position is about facts and faith.

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5. All who are "in Christ" are saved.

Ephesians 2
 "4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**"

1 Corinthians 15:22
 "For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ all shall be made alive.**"

All who are in Adam died.

All who are in Christ are made alive.

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6. Saving faith is an option to all who bear God's image.

Faith is most often linked to salvation as though it was OUR faith.

Matt.9:2, Mk.2:5, 16:16, Lk.5:20, 8:12, Jn.1:12, 3:15-18,36, 5:24, 6:40, 8:24, Acts 13:39, 16:31, Rom.4:13, 9:32, 10:9, 11:20-23, 1 Cor.1:21, 1 Tim.4:10, 2 Thess.2:13, 1 Pet.1:9, 1 Jn.5:14

Faith is NOT a meritorious "work".

Eph.2:8-10, Rom.3:28, 4:5, Gal.2:6, 3:24, Phil.3:9

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God **Man**

GIFT **FAITH**

Christ's sacrifice frees us from sin. **God's Image in us gives us a choice.**

"16 For God so loved the only begotten Son, that should not perish, but God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 17 For He who **believes** in Him is not judged; he who does not **believe** has been judged already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God." *John 3*

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Who receives this inheritance?

All who freely choose to by faith.

- Only those who believe will be saved.
- But was Christ's work at the Cross limited in its intent or only in its reception?

Some teach that the redemption was FINISHED at the Cross. *Others teach that the redemption was only FURNISHED at the Cross.*

Faith is a gift from God to "the elect" who were predestined to believe before they were born. *Man has freedom to respond to the Gospel by the common grace bestowed on all who bear God's image.*

Were the elect saved before they believed? *Are we saved by faith?*

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2 Peter 2:1

*“But false prophets also appeared among the people, just as there will also be **false teachers among you**, who will . . . even deny the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.”*

False teachers among us will have access to the benefits of God’s grace in Christ
but in denying it will not receive the inheritance that comes with it.

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In 1977 Jimmy Carter made a controversial decision to pardon those who fled to Canada to avoid the draft.



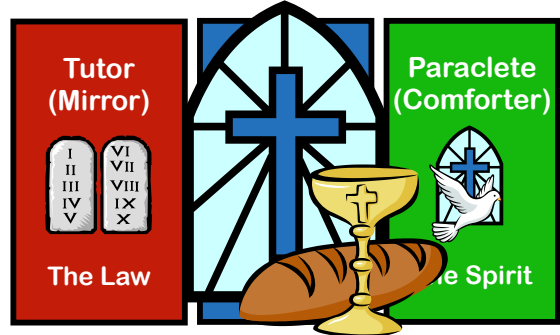
Many came back with no fear of prosecution. Others were free to come back but did not.

The government chose to pardon but it did not choose how the pardoned would respond.

Those who came back did not count their return to be meritorious.

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Who receives this inheritance?
All who place their hope in Christ.



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Implications for believers?

- We are justified before God by atonement / grace through faith.
- We are not pardoned, on parole, on probation, or in rehab.
- We have a message for the world that is good news.
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The Incarnation

Jesus came to:

1. Reaffirm human dignity vs.5-8
2. Redeem humans from sin vs.9-10

(next lesson)

3. Release humans from shame vs.11-18

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Next week
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