

REDEMPTION ACCOMPLISHED - LUKE9:30,31

The Jewish rulers feared that the people following Jesus would lead to the Romans destroying their nation and position of privilege (John11:48) so they took him and by wicked hands crucified him (Acts2:23). It was an outrageous violation of truth and justice for which they were clearly guilty and plainly accountable, yet it was all according to the 'determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God'.

God had determined from eternity that an elect multitude of humanity would be saved from the curse of satanic rebellion by the redemption that Christ would accomplish in the middle of time (Gal4:4). He promised it to Adam and Eve immediately following the Fall in Eden (Gen3:15). Down through history he preserved the line of his beloved people from whom, according to the flesh (Rom9:5), Christ would come as man to stand in their place to pay for their sins, and all the time Satan strove to destroy that line and the Christ-Child who would come from them (Rev12:4). When Jesus was nailed to the cross and lifted up to die, Satan must have been triumphant yet in fact it was then that he was utterly defeated. The death of Christ, the payment of the ransom price of his people by the blood of God (Acts20:28), was determined from the beginning.

In his transfiguration (Luke9:31) witnessed by Peter, James and John, Christ talked with Moses and Elijah concerning his death which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. It didn't just happen by wicked hands; it was God's plan from eternity by which he would save his Israel (Gal6:16) for his glorious Kingdom. And when it was accomplished, he cried on the cross, "It (that which he came to accomplish) is finished" (John19:30). Then, by God's decree, in AD70 the Romans did exactly what the Jewish rulers had feared. AJ

THE UNCHANGEABLE GOD

For I am the LORD, I change not - Malachi3:6

God is unchangeable in His essence, nature, and perfections. Is it not wonderful that in our experience in a life that is nothing but change, to know that the Lord changes not? His purpose has never altered and never will. This gives assurance and peace to all who have fled to Christ for refuge. David Pledger

THE FAITH OF GOD'S ELECT IS NOT BLIND

The definition of "blind faith" is to believe in something without **reason**, **evidence**, or **argument**. God given saving faith is not blind.

1. Though the gospel cannot be believed by **reason**, once revealed by God, it is the most reasonable thing we ever heard. Nothing else makes sense. It is profoundly reasonable. It is the only message of salvation that explains how God can be just and justify sinners at the same time. It explains, by the sacrifice of Christ, how mercy and truth are met together, how righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

2. The **evidence** of God-given faith is clear to the hearts of those who possess it. Those who have been taught of God cannot be untaught by any man. They cannot not believe. They are irresistibly persuaded. God-given faith is the only evidence the believer needs. For Christ in them is their hope of glory.

3. The Biblical **argument** for God-given faith could not be more persuasive. It has 66 books of God breathed precious promises and faithful revelations to argue its case against all doubt and dissension. The Bible is a sure word of prophecy as a light that shines in a dark place.

God-given faith is not blind. *Once I was blind, but now I see.* Greg Elmquist

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10:30 am (GMT) Service

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Revelation 12:1-11

94 to 160

I Watts

1 Arise, my soul, my joyful powers,
And triumph in thy God;
Awake, my voice, and loud proclaim
His glorious grace abroad.

2 He raised me from the depths of sin,
The gates of gaping hell;
And fixed my standing more secure
Than 'twas before I fell.

3 The arms of everlasting love
Beneath my soul he placed,
And on the Rock of Ages set
My slippery footsteps fast.

4 The city of my blest abode
Is walled around with grace;
Salvation for a bulwark stands,
To shield the sacred place.

5 Satan may vent his sharpest spite,
And all his legions roar;
Almighty mercy guards my life,
And bounds his raging power.

Prayer

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Prayer

533 to 228

W Gadsby

1 How condescending and how wise
Is the eternal God!
On wings of love, from heaven he flies,
The church to buy with blood.

2 He saw her rolling in her filth,
More beastly far than swine;
Her only clothing sin and guilt;
Exposed to wrath divine.

3 He came to save her soul from hell,
And bring her home to God;
Her debts and guilt upon him fell;
He made the payment good.

4 His life he gave a ransom-price,
Resolved to set her free;
And make her in his name rejoice,
To all eternity.

Sermon

116 to 450

J Bradford

1 O the power of love divine!
Who its heights and depths can tell –
Tell Jehovah's grand design,
To redeem our souls from hell?

2 Mystery of redemption this:
All my sins on Christ were laid;
My offence was reckoned his;
He the great atonement made!

3 Fully I am justified;
Free from sin, and more than free;
Guiltless, since for me he died;
Righteous, since he lived for me.

4 Jesus, now to thee I bow;
Let thy praise my tongue employ.
Saved unto the utmost now,
Who can speak my heartfelt joy?