



## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 9: JESUS THE CHRIST: HIS REDEMPTION

#### Opening

- Review what the word *redeem* means. When we use that word in connection with Jesus, what are we talking about?
- What words in Luther's explanation of the second article talk about *redemption*.

#### Our Need For Redemption

From the moment we are conceived, we are trapped by sin, death, and the devil.

Trapped by **sin**      Ephesians 2:1 (628)  
Romans 3:10

What does it mean to be a *slave of sin*?

Trapped by **death**      Ezekiel 18:20a  
Romans 5:12

What does it mean to be a *slave to death*?  
Are there different "kinds" of death?

Trapped by **the devil**      Genesis 3:1-6  
Acts 10:38

What does it mean to be a *slave to the devil*?

- We were once trapped by sin, death, and the devil. We needed someone to rescue us so that we could be set free from sin, death, and the devil.
- See hymns 141 and 369 (*Lutheran Hymnal*) and note how they relate to this lesson.

Examples of the  
concept of  
**redemption** in  
the Old  
Testament:

Numbers  
3:40-51

Numbers  
18:15-17

#### The Price of Our Redemption

- What do you use to redeem someone from sin, death, and the devil? What *doesn't* work to set us free? (Psalm 50:9-13). What *does* work? (1 Peter 1:18-19).

## Jesus Accomplished Our Redemption

How did Jesus *redeem* us from sin, death, and the devil? Not by paying the devil, but by giving *God* what *we* owed to *Him* so that God could free us. Jesus rescued us by the *redeeming acts* of:

A) Living a perfect life according to God's law  
(fulfilling the law for us), and

B) Dying on the cross for our sins  
(accepting our punishment).

- An amazing exchange took place on the cross.

2 Corinthians 5:21      (640)

Isaiah 53:5-6          (639)

- How can this exchange be pictured?

- Jesus redeemed every human being, whether now dead, living, or yet to live. See John 1:29 (636) and 1 John 2:2 (638).
- Sometimes this teaching of the Bible is known as the *vicarious atonement*. That is, Jesus, as our Substitute (vicar), made satisfaction or atoned for all sins.
- If all have been redeemed, why do some end up in hell (separated from God)?

## The Result Of Christ's Redemptive Acts

Now we are free from sin . . .

**Because Jesus paid the price for our guilt on the cross.**

Colossians 2:13      (644)

Romans 6:18          (645)

Titus 2:14

- How do we then live as redeemed children of God? (See Romans 6:18 and Titus 2:14).

Now we are free from eternal death . . .

**Because we will live forever in heaven.**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (647)

John 11:25-26 (648)

Now we are free from the devil . . .

**Because we have the power to resist His temptations.**

1 John 3:8 (650)

James 4:7

## Review Questions

Circle the correct letter:

1. When we talk of Jesus' humiliation, we are talking about:
  - a. the way people made fun of him
  - b. the times when He did not always make use of His divine power
  - c. the lesson He taught us that we should be humble
2. Redemption means to:
  - a. give something up
  - b. turn something in
  - c. buy something back
3. Which is part of Jesus' humiliation?
  - a. His ascension into heaven
  - b. His sitting at the right hand of God
  - c. His birth
4. When Jesus paid for your sins, whom did you "owe"?
  - a. God
  - b. Satan
  - c. Your neighbor
5. If Jesus had not paid for your sins, you would be:
  - a. good enough to get to heaven
  - b. going to hell
  - c. trying to please God yourself
6. To pay for our sins:
  - a. it took a lot of money
  - b. a sacrifice had to be made
  - c. is impossible

7. The main reason Jesus came was to:
  - a. show us how to live
  - b. help the Jews defeat the Romans
  - c. serve us
8. In your own words, write what *redemption* means and give an example of it.
9. Explain how Jesus has *redeemed* us from death.
10. Read Hymn 376:1 (*Lutheran Hymnal*). What does it say about redemption?

## In Your Catechism

- Study questions 145-151 (pp. 121-124).