



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

The June article discussed some of the benefits and profits of speaking in tongues. It's to speak the wonderful works of God. It's infallible proof that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sat him at His own right hand. It's to magnify God. It quickens the mortal body. It's to open your heart to the Father. It's to have the spirit bearing witness with our spirit. It's to know that you are joint heirs with Christ. It's to pray perfectly. It's to declare Jesus as Lord in your life. It's to speak to God divine secrets. It's to edify you. It's to give thanks well. It's to be a sign to unbelievers. It's rest to the soul. It's to bring a message directly from God to the people, when interpreted. It produces fruit of the spirit. It's proof of a new body in the future. It's to strengthen you with might in your inner man. Thank you Father for giving us the ability to operate this incredible manifestation!

This month's teaching will focus on our SONSHIP Rights.

How do we become God's son? We become God's son by doing what is written in Romans 10: 9-10:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Once we confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead, we become sons of God. I John 3:2 says "*Beloved, now are we the sons of God.*"

As sons of God, we have son-ships rights. When a man or woman is born again of God's Spirit, he or she has Christ in him or her. Everything that God is in Christ is in the new born again believer. The believer has the love of God, the faith of Jesus Christ and

has redemption, justification, righteousness, sanctification, and the Ministry of Reconciliation.

Through our son-ship, we received redemption; we were bought with a price. Jesus Christ paid the price for our sins. We received justification because it's just as if we have never sinned; we are released from the penalty of sin. We received righteousness which is our God given ability to stand in our heavenly Father's presence without any consciousness of sin, guilt, or condemnation. We received sanctification because we are set apart by God for heaven, and the Devil can't stop us from going there. We received the Ministry of Reconciliation as we have the ability to reconcile men and women back to God. [See January teaching]

We are God's masterpieces. God has done a perfect work in Christ Jesus and a perfect work in that gift we received when we were born again. Ephesians 2:10 tells us:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We must renew our minds to say what the Word of God says in Romans 12:2:

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Over the next several months, the SONSHIP rights of redemption, justification, righteousness, sanctification, and the Ministry of Reconciliation will be discussed.

Remember, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, as a ransom to buy us back from the Devil's power. I Corinthians 6:20 tells us we are "brought with a price." I Corinthians 7:23 says "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."

Let's look at our first SONSHIP right - Redemption. What is redemption?

Redemption

In A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (1975), Bullinger, defines Redemption as “release on receipt of a ransom,” “deliverance from the guilt and punishment of sin, and applying to the whole being,” and “deliverance of the soul from sin, and the body from the grave (p. 630).”

Long before God ever formed, made, and created man, He knew that man would someday sin and need redemption. He made man perfect in body, soul and spirit. He also gave man free will to choose between good and evil. God by His foreknowledge knew that man would one day sin. So God had to have a perfect plan of redemption in order to redeem man and to avoid eternal death for him. So God gave His only begotten son Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:20 says that Jesus Christ was “*foreordained [foreknown] before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.*” II Timothy 1:9 “*Who hath [past tense] saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.*”

God knew long before He made man, man would need a Savior. He also knew there would be those that would believe His Word as a result of the Savior’s works.

God first made known His plan of redemption in Genesis 3:15:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

God promised there would be two seeds - the seed of the woman, which was the first promise of the Christ, the redeemer of man, and the seed of the serpent, which was against God’s seed. When Adam was first formed, made and created by God, he was made a man of body, soul and spirit. When Eve and Adam sinned, they lost their spirit [See February teaching]. The soul life, which is in the blood according to Leviticus 17:11, became corrupt. For this reason, the bloodline of man has been corrupt ever since the fall of Adam and Eve. Therefore, every man and woman born has this corrupt bloodline. The more man sinned, the more corrupt his blood became. As a

consequence, man's life span shortened. In order for man to be redeemed, his blood had to be shed to get rid of that which was imperfect and corrupt. For this cause, Hebrews 9:27 says "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die.*"

In order to elude eternal death for man, God developed a perfect plan to redeem him by means of a spotless blood sacrifice. As man became more sinful, God choose a people to whom He would make His promises regarding the seed. Abraham was that man, as recorded in Galatians 3:16:

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ.

The Law of Commandments was not promise, according to Galatians 3:17. It came 430 years after the promise was made.

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Once we have received the promise, the Law is no longer necessary. Today we walk by the spirit. There are a number of legal requirements set forth in God's Word for a perfect plan of redemption. First, since man's blood had become corrupt, it is necessary that blood be shed for the remission of sin. Hebrews 9:22 tells us:

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Here it is specified in God's Word the unconditional requirement for the remission of sin, which is the shedding of blood. The second requirement for the sacrifice for man's sin was that the animal used had to be without spot or blemish. An imperfect animal could not be used. Jesus Christ as our sacrifice was without spot or blemish. His blood was perfect as Hebrews 2:14 says:

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he [Jesus Christ] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

When a man or woman is born, they receive body and soul from their earthly parents. The bloodline, which carries soul life, is determined from the father's side. Since Adam's blood was corrupt, every child born of his bloodline would have the same corruption. Jesus also likewise took part of the same. Which part did he take? He took the flesh part of man, but his bloodline [soul life] was determined by the sperm which God created in Mary's womb in order to produce the Christ child. Therefore, Jesus Christ's blood was perfect. He was a perfect man without spot or blemish. I Peter 1:18 and 19:

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

We are not redeemed with corruptible things, neither are we redeemed with the blood of animals. We are redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ who was without blemish and without spot. Since God created the sperm in Mary which gave Christ perfect blood, he had a unique blood without any sin or corruption in it. Jesus Christ's blood was precious because it was the only blood of its kind.

Hebrews 2:15 adds another thing Jesus Christ accomplished because he had perfect blood:

And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage [slavery].

Since Jesus Christ was a man like us, but he was unique in that he had perfect blood. This is how he was able to deliver us from bondage and slavery and destroy the devil that has the power of death.

In addition, the Savior was required to be a man who could identify with our temptations and desires. For this reason, Hebrews 2:16-17 says:

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren [flesh and blood], that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

This is why I Corinthians 6:20 says “for ye are bought with a price.” We were bought with a price by God’s only begotten son.

Jesus Christ took the seed of Abraham. He was not an angel or God; he was a man - made like his brethren [flesh and blood] except he had perfect blood. Jesus Christ was a perfect substitution for man. I Timothy 2:5 says:

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

The Word of God says Christ Jesus was a man. In order to be a mediator between God and men, God could not Himself be the mediator, but rather, it took a man of the seed of Abraham made like his brethren [flesh and blood] as it says in Hebrews 2:16.

God’s plan of redemption encompasses three parties: God, man and the adversary. Since God is just, God must be just to Himself, just to man and just to the adversary, the devil. God’s whole plan of redemption was to redeem the human race from Adam’s sin and do it on legal grounds so all the devil’s claims would be satisfied in full. God needed a man as the sacrifice and redeemer for man. He had instituted the animals as a substitute for man under the Old Testament Law, but it was not the promise. For this reason, Hebrews 10: 11-14: says:

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man [Jesus Christ], after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

The offering of animals under the Old Testament had only temporary effects, and had to be offered year after year. However, Jesus Christ was a man like us, except that he had perfect blood. When he offered himself for our sin, he redeemed us once and for all. Hebrews 9:11-14 says:

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 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 for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

I Corinthians 5:7 says "Christ was our Passover."

In summary, understanding our rights as sons of God is vital to walking with the greatness of the power of God. We have focused on one of our SONSHIP rights - Redemption. Jesus Christ made the free will choice to give his life for us. Jesus Christ legally fulfilled all requirements so that today, we can walk without sin and without sickness. When God's only begotten son had paid the price, God raised him from the dead. God paid that ransom for us by sending Jesus Christ so he could shed his own life's blood by freewill choice. As Psalms 107:2 says "*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He had redeem from the hand of the enemy.*"

Our response to God's great act and gift of love in Christ is to believe, and that starts with Romans 10:9-10, and continues by speaking in tongues. From there, we build our lives so that one day God will say "These are my beloved sons in whom I am well pleased". It's the same thing He said about our brother Jesus Christ. "*This is my beloved son whom I am well pleased.*" Matthew 3:17, 17:5 and 2 Peter 1:17.

Next month's teaching will focus on our Son-ship rights of Justification we have in Christ.

In the Lord,

Ministry of Reconciliation

Son of God through Jesus Christ

Ambassador for Christ