God Redeems

The biblical theme of redemption is unique to Christian theology and sets Christianity apart from other religions. Join us as we trace God's story of redemption from Genesis through the Old Testament to the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ. Together, we'll learn how our loving God sent his only Son to accomplish our salvation, without expecting anything from us first. We'll discuss distinctives of depravity, election, and grace as articulated by the confessions in the Reformed faith tradition. Reflecting on the transformative power of God's redemptive work, we'll talk about living redeemed lives as we go about our daily lives.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What does the term "redemption" mean to you?
- How does the concept of grace differ from the idea of earning salvation?



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READ Genesis 12:1-5, Ephesians 1:3-11, Galatians 2:20-21, Ephesians 2:1-5

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How does God's call to Abraham in Genesis 12 initiate the theme of redemption? How does redemption become more specific in God's covenant with David and meet its fulfillment in Christ?
- In Ephesians 1:3-11, Paul describes our redemption as part of God's eternal plan. How does Darrell's description of God's "Plan A" help you better understand this passage?
- Galatians 2:20-21 speaks of being "crucified with Christ." How does this truth impact or affect how we live out our faith?
- Ephesians 2:1-5 describes humanity's spiritual condition before and after redemption. Reread these verses and consider: How does this passage emphasize the depth of God's mercy?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Romans 6:1-14, Philippians 2:12-13, Romans 10:14-15

CONCLUSION

Redemption is God's sovereign work from beginning to end. We are saved entirely by his grace, and yet, our response to salvation is a life of gratitude and obedience. As we reflect on this truth, we are called to live in step with the Spirit, proclaiming the gospel and demonstrating God's love to the world around us. How can you integrate gratitude for God's work in your life into your daily life this week?

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