Redemption
By Cameron Hall

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

Breaking Down Redemption:

Jesus gave his blood as a sacrifice for us so that we can be redeemed. God has given us a law, and we must follow it or the punishment is death (Deut. 21:22-23; Rom. 6:23).

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

All have come short of God’s glory, and if we stay that way our entire lives, we will go to hell (that is why we must be redeemed).

I Corinthians 6:20 “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God’s.”

Jesus paid a price for us; his own blood. Are you going to let that go to waste?

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom also we have access by faith into his grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

One who is redeemed is forgiven of sin. God is willing to wait for us until judgment. God is longsuffering (II Pet. 3:9). Redemption is just around the corner, and all you have to do is follow the plan of salvation (hear Rom. 10:12, believe Mark 16:16, repent Acts 17:30, confess Rom. 10:9, and be baptized Acts 2:38).
BIBLE SALVATION
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God’s path to salvation is a straight and narrow path but it is not impossible. It is actually quite simple to follow when you break it down. All you have to do is hear (Rom.10:17) which states faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. How can one believe lest he hear Rom.10:14? Next you must believe Mark.16:16 “he who believes and is baptized shall be saved but he who does not believe shall be condemned to everlasting punishment.” Some denominations say all you have to do is believe God exists and you will be saved forever and you can do whatever you want even if it is a sin but as it says in (Rev.2:10) “do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer indeed the devil is about to throw some of you into prison that you may be tested and tried and you will have tribulation ten days be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life.” The next step is to repent. Without repentance there is no point in even coming to church because you’re just some kind of brat that’s not going to repent no matter what anyone says. Confessing the name of Jesus Christ is the third step in obtaining God (Rom.10:9) (1Jn.1:9) which states “if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Next one of the most important steps is to be baptized into water. Some denominations say all you have to do is be baptized but once again the scriptures prove them wrong. Although it is a requirement in God’s law Acts 2:38- “repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins so that you may obtain the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Last but not least is remain faithful (Gal. 5:16-26). So all those denominations that say you only have to believe are wrong. We know from the bulletin that you have to hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized, and live faithfully. Will you follow God’s steps and go to heaven or will you follow the devil’s path and go to hell? The choice is yours.
Introduction:

The parable of the Prodigal Son has been referred to as the “Pearl of Parables.” The beauty of the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it illustrates the course of sin in one’s life and the fact that God provides the remedy for said sin. The parable therefore illustrates the process by which man is dead in sin and made alive through Christ (Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13). The process of spiritual life comes about by suffering the consequences of sin. God has thereby ordained that “the way of the transgressor is hard” (Prov. 13:15).

I. The Parable
II. The Son’s journey of sin
III. The painful consequences of sin
IV. Restoration
V. The Father’s desire is that every sinner would “come back to their senses”

Conclusion:

The course of sin begins with selfish desires being fulfilled due to a lack of self control (James 1:12ff). Secondly, there are always consequences to sinful living (a cost). The wise king Solomon said, “Thorns and snares are in the way of the forward” (Prov. 22:5). Again, The Lord said to Israel as they wallowed in their sin that “I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths” (Hos. 2:6). The more sinful the conduct of man the more consequences he will have to deal with. Sexual immorality leads to disease, drugs and drinking leads to poverty and addiction, greed to a loss of friends and family. When will man discover that all his physical and emotional troubles are due to his own sin? The hope of the Lord is that “all would come to repentance” (II Pet. 3:9). The prodigal son chose a life of sin, suffered the consequences, and recognized the escape. What will you and I do when we sin?