

In Jesus, We Have Redemption and Forgiveness

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Themes-

1. Christ has reconciled all creation to Himself.
 2. Christ has unified people from all nations to himself and to one another in His church.
- Do you believe that God knows the future?
 - Do you believe God knew you would sin?
 - Do you believe God had a plan for sinful man to be saved?
 - Do you believe in predestination? Predestination means the divine foreordination of all events, including the salvation of those that trust in Christ.
 - Does God say that you need to do good works to get into heaven?
 - Can you earn heaven?

Romans 3:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Vs 1-2 God had a plan to save a murderer named Paul and use Him to preach the Gospel so that some would be saved and to write books of the Bible so that churches and people would benefit and grow as disciples of Christ.

The people at the church in Ephesus were faithful Christians. It was a solid church.

We receive grace and peace from faith in Jesus Christ.

Vs 3-14 **If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to take control of your life, you have access to EVERY spiritual blessing in heaven!**

1. Our sin separates us from God and brings death.
2. Through faith in Christ we are forgiven of our sins, indwelt with the Spirit of God to help us now, and given a new life in Jesus (faith, Bible, God's people in church, help by God to live a better life, and true purpose).
3. Through faith in Christ, we are seen as holy and blameless by God.
4. When we physically die, we will be resurrected, given a glorified body, be totally accepted by our Holy God, and live in perfect heaven for all eternity.

God knows everything. God knew we would sin. God knew we would need a Savior. God knew that we would trust in Christ as our Savior.

1. **God predestined you to be His son or daughter! He is both just and merciful.**
2. **Redemption means the act of buying back, saving, or improving something that was lost, damaged, or trapped. This is what JESUS does for those who have faith in Him!**
3. **When we have faith in Jesus, we are united with Jesus. We are untied with God!**
4. **God uses others to proclaim the truth of Jesus into our lives. The Spirit of God draws us, woos us, and confirms that we need Jesus. Do you speak to others about Jesus?**
5. **Have you believed and trusted in Jesus as your Lord? When you do, the Spirit of the one true living God seals you by coming to live in you!**

Vs 15-23 When we have faith in Jesus, our lives are changed by God. God grows us and helps us. We have a love for God and a love for others. People can see this. People can see God's love in us. We get a reputation as God's people. **Do people see God's love in you? Do people see God's love in us?**

The Godly character and love that we see in believers encourages us and motivates us. This makes us happy and thankful. I am thankful for the people that God has put in my life at OHBC! I hear of your faith in Jesus and see your faith in Jesus! I pray for you!

As a church we want to have wisdom, revelations from God, and knowledge from Him.

We want our hearts enlightened by the one true living God.

When we trust in Jesus we are promised riches. These riches are found with God in heaven for those who trust in Jesus! THIS GIVES US HOPE IN HARD TIMES NOW.

Jesus **was** resurrected, **is** in heaven at the Father's right hand, and He **has** authority over all creation.

Jesus has all authority and dominion. Jesus is the head of the church and everything. He is our Savior and leader.

1. **God knew we would sin and had a plan to save us from our sin. That plan was to allow Jesus Christ to be tortured and die to pay the punishment for our sin.**
2. **God knew you needed a Savior and someone told you that your Savior is Jesus. You trust in Jesus to save you and the Spirit of God indwells you.**
3. **Do you tell others about Jesus like someone told you about Jesus?**
4. **You have heard the truth of Jesus today. Do you believe in Him and trust in Him? Will you ask Him to take control of your life now?**
5. **When you know Jesus as your Lord, He will help you live your life now, He will help you to love Him and others, and He will make you and your life look different.**
6. **Jesus has all power and dominion of everything including this world and your life.**
7. **Since you have faith in Jesus, He will help you love, impact others, and He will make you rich in heaven because He has adopted you into His kingdom.**