

WORD

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God is willing and able to save us from illness, financial crisis, or family problems. But the biggest problem we need rescuing from is sin, which leads to spiritual death or separation from God. From the beginning, God had carefully planned a way to rescue us and give us eternal life (Titus 1:2). Jesus is the Perfect Redeemer whose sacrifice completely satisfied God's justice and appeased His wrath against our sin (Hebrews 7:27). In this lesson, we will look at what Jesus, the Lamb of God, did for us.

1 We are ransomed from an empty life.

. . . knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold . . . **1 PETER 1:18**

While the writer of Ecclesiastes pronounced that everything we do in this world is vanity, fleeting, meaningless, or futile, Jesus rescued us from the futility of our worldly ways by freely offering us a full life (John 10:10). He solved the root of our problems, which is sin. What does it mean to be ransomed? Why could we never save ourselves?

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2 We are redeemed with Jesus' precious blood.

. . . but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 1 PETER 1:19

The Bible says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Our redemption is precious, requiring a great and personal cost—Jesus Himself. How has knowing the price Jesus paid for your life changed the way you live?

3 We can have faith and hope in God.

²⁰. . . He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 1 PETER 1:20,21

God sent Jesus for our sake. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we are confident that God is faithful and true to fulfill all of His promises regardless of our circumstances. What does Hebrews 11:1 say about faith and hope? How have you learned to put your faith and hope in God alone?

APPLICATION

- Do you understand what Jesus did for you on the cross? How will this change the way you live, starting this week?
- In what area do you need more faith and hope in God? What can you do to grow in your relationship with God this week?
- Who can you communicate the gospel to this week? Spend some time with a friend and pray for an opportunity to tell him/her about Jesus' redeeming work on the cross.

PRAYER

- Thank God for the salvation that He freely gave out of His love for you. Pray that you will never take for granted Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- Pray that your faith in God will grow every day, and that you would always put your hope in Him.
- Ask God for the strength and grace to show His love to others. Pray that God will give you the boldness and an opportunity to preach the gospel to someone you know.



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