



~ SERMON NOTES ~
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SERMON TITLE: “*What Took Place At Calvary*”

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:7; 2:15b-16; 5:25--27

TOPIC: Four benefits of Christ’s death on the cross

I. REDEMPTION

A. “In him we have redemption through his blood, ...” (Eph. 1:7a)

- **lutroo:** to release on receipt of ransom; paying a ransom price
- The Ephesian Christians were familiar with the practice of redemption of slaves

B. “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed..., ...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” (1 Peter 1:18)

- More than ownership of the slave was in view; freedom from previous servitude and bondage was in focus.
- Satan is no longer the ruthless taskmaster holding us in the bonds of sin!

II. FORGIVENESS

A. “...forgiveness of sins in accordance with the riches of God’s grace...” (Eph. 1:7b)

- **aphesis:** a dismissal from; release from

B. The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matt. 18:25-35)

- An enormous debt was completely forgiven, not reduced; terms not renegotiated
- Our sinful offense before God compared to our offense before our brother or sister

III. RECONCILIATION

A. “His purpose was to create in himself on new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God though the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.” (Eph. 2:15b-16)

- **apokatallasso:** to change from one condition to another, so as to remove all enmity and leave no impediment to unity and peace
- Nowhere in the Bible is the verb used concerning God, only of man to man and man to God.

B. “We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Cor. 5:20b-21)

- God initiated the reconciling of sinners to Himself (v. 18a).
- He committed to us the message and ministry of reconciliation (vv. 18b-19).

IV. CLEANSING

A. “...to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.” (Eph. 5:25—27)

- **katharizo:** to make clean, to cleanse or purify

B. “How much more...will the blood of Christ...cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God.” (Heb. 9:14)

CONCLUSION:

“Though your sins are like scarlet are like scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

