

# GOD'S WISDOM IN THE REDEMPTION OF HIS ENEMIES

Ephesians 1.7-10 // December 16, 2018

## SOMEONE MUST PAY

Upon their rebellion, Adam and Eve lost the "deed" to the earth, and became slaves and prisoners of sin and death. The only way out would be for someone else to redeem them, to purchase their freedom. Justice must be done because of their crime, and the payment requires that blood must be shed.

Genesis 3.20-24

Initially, they tried to "cover" their sin by sewing fig leaves, but their own efforts could never do, Graciously, God put His wrath upon animals who were shed to cover them, to both show the severity of sin but also to show His patience. But animals could not repay, ultimately.

## NO ONE CAN DO IT

Throughout the Old Testament, there are glimmers of hope that a man would be raised up to be the savior of the Jews. But no one can do it.

Romans 3.9-12 // Revelation 5.1-14

It is God himself who in holy wrath needs to be propitiated, God himself who in holy love undertook to do the [satisfying...He devised the plan] propitiating, and God himself who in the person of his Son died for the propitiation of our sins. Thus God took his own loving initiative to appease his own righteous anger by bearing this anger by his own self in his own Son when he took our place and died for us - **John Stott, "the Cross of Christ"**

## BETTER THAN BEFORE

Do you ever wonder if, since Adam and Eve sinned in the perfect Garden, that we would be able to sin in heaven? There is a difference between Adam and Eve and how we will be in our eternal state, however.

**Adam was uncorrupted, but *not* incorruptible.**  
**Through Adam's (and our own) sin, we are corrupted.**  
**Jesus is not only uncorrupted, but *incorruptible*.**  
**When we are made one with Him,**  
**we'll be raised not only as uncorrupted, but now *incorruptible*.**

Adam was never "in Christ." He was only simply "in Adam." When we believe in this plan of salvation, and call upon the Name of Jesus, He is faithful to answer and save us, and fulfill the promises He has made to glorify His people.



## NOTES:

**Luke 19:10**

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**This Week's Scripture to Memorize:**

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Ephesians 1.7-10**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Genesis 3.20-24**. How does this first act of clothing Adam and Eve reveal elements of the Gospel? How is the Gospel also revealed through the many tried and failed efforts of Old Testament saints?

### Repent and Ask

When we are in our final, glorified state, we will be "in Christ." But Adam was only "in Adam," only able to do what he had power to do. What are ways in which you currently act "in you" and approach your faith "in you"?

### Your Life Mission

We live in a very, very fallen world, and every person in your life is in a fallen state. Christmas is filled with *so many opportunities* to have conversations and invite these folks into our homes. In what ways are you hoping to create in-roads to conversations with others in need of the Gospel?

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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