

Incarnation – Lesson 4

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Last week we spoke about the atoning death of Jesus as the propitiation/expiation for our sin>>

This morning we will look at three interconnected results of Jesus' atoning death>>

<<ransom/redemption/reconciliation>>

ransom>>

ransom has to do with the payment price>>

<<price paid to someone for freedom from captivity or slavery>>

Because we inherited Adam's sin>>

<<...we were slaves to sin [Rom 6:17]...>>

<<we were in ...bondage to sin [Rom.7:14]...>>

<<we were ...held captive by [Satan] to do his will [2 Tim 2:26]...>>

<<we ...were by nature children of wrath [Eph 2:3]...>>

But God created us to be the vessels of His glory>>

Therefore, God sent His Son into the world to be the ransom price>>

<<to free us from our bondage to sin and Satan>>

At the cross, Jesus, our Divine Representative/Substitute paid the required ransom to liberate us from our sin>>

Matt. 20:28 ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many...>>

What is the is the required ransom that liberates us from our sin>>

1 Peter 1:19, tells us that ...the precious blood... of Christ... is the required ransom>>

<<Heb 9:22 ...without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Jesus Himself is the Ransom Price Who satisfies the justice of God in the shedding of His blood on our behalf>>

redemption>>

Eph 1:7 *In Him [Gal.2:20] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...>>*

Because Jesus is God's acceptable Ransom> >

<<we have been freed from our slavery to sin and Satan>>

<<we have been freed from the curse [Gen.2:17] of the [broken] Law [Ga. 3:13]>>

Heb 2:14-15 *...[through] death [Jesus] might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*

This is wonderfully explained in **Col.2:13-15**>>

*When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, [God the Father] made you alive together **with** [Jesus], having forgiven us **ALL** our transgressions [HOW], 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees [deeds of sin] against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way [expiated], having nailed it to the cross [propitiated]. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through [Jesus].*

Because Jesus paid the Ransom for our sin that redeemed us from our sin>>[

<<so that we would Reconciled be to God>>

Reconciliation>>

Reconciliation has to do with the restoration of our relationship with God>>

..while we were [God's] enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son [Rom. 5:10]...>>

Christ has ransomed and redeemed us in order to reconcile us to God>>

2 Cor. 5:18 *...[God] reconciled us to Himself through Christ...>*

<<Whose death was the ransom for our sin>>

<<that redeemed us from our slavery to sin and Satan>>

<<...therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come [2 Cor 5:17]...>>

All of this is what God has done to **restore** His original intention>>

<<to re-create us in His ...*image*...[**Gen.1:26-28**] in Christ>>

<<in order that ...*they shall be My people, and I will be their God* [**Jer 32:38**]...>>

This is the significance of the Incarnation to God>>

Next week we will look at the significance of the Incarnation to us>>

God has now welcomed us into His House to dwell with Him forever>>

Next week we will end this short series by speaking about the significance of the Incarnation to us>>