

Resurrection
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“The Promise of a New Creation!!”

- * Ask yourself this question, “Where is the message of The Gospel heading?”
- * Most Christians you asked that question merely answers that the message is to get as many people to heaven as you can! Pray the sinner's prayer and get baptized!
- * Is that really what this redemption is all about? Let's take a look!

Romans 8:14-17 (NLV)

14 All those who are led by the Holy Spirit are sons of God. 15 You should not act like people who are owned by someone. They are always afraid. Instead, the Holy Spirit makes us His sons, and we can call to Him, “My Father.” 16 For the Holy Spirit speaks to us and tells our spirit that we are children of God. 17 If we are children of God, we will receive everything He has promised us. We will share with Christ all the things God has given to Him. But we must share His suffering if we are to share His shining-greatness.

IV. So, the question on the table is “What are all the things given to Christ by God The Father?” (those are Paul's words, not mine)

17 “And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.” (NLT)

17 “And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has. We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own.” (TPT)

17 “If we are God's children, that means we are His heirs along with the Anointed, set to inherit everything that is His. If we share His sufferings, we know that we will ultimately share in His glory.” (The Voice)

A. There are so many other scriptures that plainly express what this magnificent redemption is all about if we would only study them!

1. I would think that the pray of Jesus to The Father would be a good example of the essence of Redemption!

John 17:20-26 (NLT)

20 “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. 22 “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. 23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. 24 Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! 25 “O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. 26 I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

2. This redemption does not begin and end with us being allowed to live forever in heaven!
3. This magnificent redemption is about our full identification with The Son of God and all He is and has received from The Heavenly Father!
4. We fell from our created purpose with Adam and we are restored to our created purpose through Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:12-17 (NLT)

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. 15 But there is a great

difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

5. Our redemption is about the freedom to be who we really are created to be!

B. We are renewed, redeemed and recreated to rule and reign on the earth as God's representatives to the fallen world! That was the prayer of Jesus in John 17!

1. This is always passed over for some reason! Maybe because it takes work on our parts!

2. Submission, discipline, holiness and selflessness!

3. Is this some obscure teaching, hidden in the deep recesses of hidden meanings in scripture?

4. Or is it simply poetic expression of the "after life?"

5. Actually, when you read and observe familiar scripture without a biased understanding, our redemption is plain!

Psalm 8 (NLT)

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place— what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority— the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, the birds in

the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents.
O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

6. Yes! Our created purpose is that we were created in the image and likeness of God!
7. Sin distorted His likeness in our lives but through redemption by the power of His Spirit we can live in His likeness once again! That's Redemption!

C. N.T. Wright says it this way,
“With Jesus we realize that what we call ‘heaven’, God’s space, and what we call ‘earth’, Man’s space, are designed to work together to overlap and interlock! We humans are created for the specific purpose of standing in the threshold between the two.”

1. This is not just Wright’s theological idea, it is literally the message of the Gospel we have just considered!
2. Shall we dare read the New Covenant that way?
3. Shall we dare believe the work of Christ is less about our destination and more about our condition?
4. Here is how the Apostle Paul put it:

Ephesians 3:10-11 (The Voice)

10 Here’s His objective: through the church, He intends now to make known His infinite and boundless wisdom to all rulers and authorities in heavenly realms. 11 This has been His plan from the beginning, one that He has now accomplished through the Anointed One, Jesus our Lord.