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The theme of salvation is woven throughout the Bible, revealing God's plan for eternal life to help His people develop a deeper intimacy with the Lord and fulfill their part in God's grand plan.

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The Program (1-5)
God's plan reflects God's wisdom.

The Purchase (6-10)
God's plan requires design and sacrifice.

The Pleasure (11-14)
God's plan is fulfilled in the church.

Survey of Redemption (15-16): *Interweave redemptive themes through time and scriptures*

The 'Me' plan versus the 'God' plan

- Me Plan: "God saved me so I could _____."

God sent His Son Jesus Christ



to die on the cross so I could be saved

The 'Me' Plan



and go to heaven

The 'Me' plan versus the 'God' plan

- God Plan: "God saved me to restore me to Himself and help me _____."

God sent His Son Jesus Christ



to die on the cross to restore me to Himself

and

The God Plan

to join Him forever to complete my part in His glorious plan.

The Powerful Cross

"The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God. It's a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God. If we don't want God above all things, we have not been converted by the gospel." – John Piper



The cross like a bridge takes us from one place to reach a place we otherwise could never get to.

God's eternal plan (Acts 26:22-23)

"And so, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles" (Acts 26:22-23).

- God's plan was revealed both in the **prophets** and **Moses**.
- God's plan centered on Christ's suffering (i.e. death), His **resurrection** from the dead and proclamation of the gospel to all peoples around the world.

God's eternal redemption plan slowly unfolds through thousands of years of Bible history.

The Meaning of Redemption

The Program The Purchase The Pleasure



"I want it!"



"I paid for it!"



"I'll enjoy it!"



Redemption means :

- 1) By payment of a price to recover from the power of another, to ransom, buy off
- 2) To buy up for one's self, for one's use -- Thayer's Greek Dictionary

Two actions:

- Payment - agreed upon price
Exchange - transfer



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God's Authority over Man (Genesis 2:15-17)

"Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die" (Gen 2:15-17).

- The Lord God **"commanded"** the man." This reflects His authority.
- The Lord also warned man about the consequences of disobedience. "Be careful of what you eat! Everything might look the same but it is not."

God was in authority over man due to creation (Gen 1:26-27).

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The Necessity of Redemption (John 8:31-44)

"Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵ And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever" (John 8:34-35).

- He/she who **commits** sin is a " **slave** of sin" (8:34).

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth..." (John 8:44).

- Those who sin have a father whose name is **devil**.
- The sonship is obvious because they **do the desires** of their father, the devil.

"And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world..." (Re 12:9).

great dragon serpent of old devil Satan

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The Purchase Payment (Colossians 1:13-14)

"For He delivered us from the domain (lit. authority) of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:13-14).

- The purchase was needed because man became under the " **domain of darkness**," the slave to another owner.
- The two verbs, **delivered** and transferred speak about the recovery of God's people to Himself.
- The church, those purchased are called "the **kingdom** of His beloved Son" (Col 1:13).
- The "in whom" refers to **Jesus Christ** through whom redemption is secured.
- The redemptive price needs to bring about "**forgiveness** of sins" (Col 1:14) to be complete.

How did Jesus do this?



Through the cross!

Payment & Transfer

Discussion questions

- Share about something special that you wanted, bought and the price you paid for it.
- Do you live more by the “Me” plan or “God” plan?
- In light of what we know, is it good to accept the plurality of religions? Aren't there many ways to God? Why or why not?



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