

# Outline for Lesson 3: Salvation - The Divine Transaction

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## Introduction to the Series

- **Theme:** Exploring the profound truths of salvation.
  - **Texts:** Romans 3:24-26; Colossians 1:13-14.
  - **Focus:** Redemption, justification, adoption, and reconciliation are the foundational doctrines of the gospel.
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## The Divine Transaction - Redeemed and Justified

### Introduction: The Greatest Exchange in History

- **Illustration:** The courtroom scene—guilt, condemnation, and substitution by the Judge.
- **Key Passage:** Romans 3:24.
- **Focus:** Salvation as a divine transaction, transforming the sinner's standing before God.

### I. Redemption: The Slave Set Free

- **Text:** Colossians 1:13-14.
- **The Reality of Redemption**

- Redemption is the act of setting a slave free.
- Humanity is enslaved to sin (John 8:34).
- Christ paid the price for our release (Mark 10:45).
- **The Price of Redemption**
  - Redemption required the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
  - Full payment for sin's debt was made at the cross.
- **The Result of Redemption**
  - Freedom from sin's penalty and power (Romans 6:14).
  - A new life dedicated to glorifying God.

## **II. Justification: Declared Righteous Before God**

- **Text:** Romans 3:24-26.
- **The Meaning of Justification**
  - A legal declaration of righteousness (Romans 5:1).
  - Imputation of Christ's righteousness to the believer (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- **The Basis of Justification**

- Grounded in Christ's atoning work on the cross (Isaiah 53:5).
- Faith as the means of justification (Romans 3:28).
- **The Freeness of Justification**
  - Justification is a gift of grace, not earned (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- **The Results of Justification**
  - Peace with God (Romans 5:1).
  - Freedom from condemnation (Romans 8:1).
  - Bold access to God (Ephesians 3:12).

### **III. Application: Living in the Light of Redemption and Justification**

- Rest in God's grace—stop striving to earn His favor.
- Rejoice in freedom—live victoriously over sin.
- Share the gospel—proclaim the truth of redemption and justification.

### **Conclusion: The Miracle of Salvation**

- Redemption and justification are life-changing realities.
- Invitation: Trust Christ today and experience the divine transaction.

## **Adopted into God's Family**

### **Introduction: A Family Unlike Any Other**

- **Illustration:** The glory of being called sons of God (1 John 3:1).
- **Key Passage:** John 1:12-13.
- **Focus:** Salvation brings us into a new relationship with God as His children.

### **I. The Miracle of Adoption: Becoming a Child of God**

- **Text:** John 1:12-13.
- **Adoption Was Initiated by God**
  - God's sovereign plan (Ephesians 1:4).
- **Adoption Requires Spiritual Birth**
  - Being born again through the Spirit and Word (John 3:7; 1 Peter 1:23).
- **Adoption Brings a New Identity**

- No longer children of wrath but children of God (Galatians 3:26).

## **II. The Privileges of Adoption**

- **Text:** Romans 8:15-17.
- **Intimacy with God**
  - Addressing God as “Abba, Father” (Hebrews 4:16; Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6)).
- **Assurance of Salvation**
  - The Spirit confirms our adoption (Romans 8:16).
- **Inheritance with Christ**
  - Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17).
- **Discipline from a Loving Father**
  - God’s discipline shapes us in holiness (Hebrews 12:6).

## **III. The Transformative Power of Adoption**

- **A New Family**
  - United with other believers (Ephesians 2:19).

- **A New Purpose**
  - Reflect God's character and glorify Him (Ephesians 5:1).
- **A New Hope**
  - Confidence in God's sovereign control (Romans 8:18).

#### **IV. Application: Living as a Child of God**

- Rest in your identity.
- Rejoice in your privileges.
- Reflect your Father's character.
- Share the invitation to God's family.

#### **Conclusion: The Joy of Adoption**

- To believers: Rejoice in God's love and live in hope.
- To unbelievers: Accept the invitation to join God's family today.

### **Reconciled to God - Peace Through the Blood of Christ**

#### **Introduction: Peace Restored**

- **Illustration:** Humanity's greatest problem is alienation from God.
- **Key Passage:** Colossians 1:20-22.
- **Focus:** Reconciliation through Christ restores peace between God and man.

## **I. The Need for Reconciliation**

- **Text:** Colossians 1:21.
  - **Alienation from God**
    - Born as enemies of God (Romans 8:7).
  - **Enmity in the Mind**
    - Sin corrupts thoughts and actions (Genesis 8:21).
  - **Wicked Works**
    - Sin is evidence of alienation (Romans 3:23).
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## **II. The Means of Reconciliation**

- **Text:** Colossians 1:20.
- **The Work of the Cross**
  - Christ's atoning sacrifice (Isaiah 53:5).
- **The Blood of Christ**

- The only means of peace with God (Colossians 1:14).
- **The Sovereign Initiative of God**
  - God initiated reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

### **III. The Results of Reconciliation**

- **Text:** Colossians 1:22.
- **Peace with God**
  - Justification through faith brings peace (Romans 5:1).
- **Holiness Before God**
  - Standing in Christ's righteousness (Colossians 1:22).
- **Access to God**
  - Bold access through Christ (Ephesians 2:18).
- **Ministry of Reconciliation**
  - Ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

### **IV. Application: Living as Reconciled People**

- Rest in reconciliation.



- Pursue holiness.
- Proclaim the gospel.
- Celebrate the cross.

### **Conclusion: Peace Through the Blood**

- Rejoice in reconciliation.
- To unbelievers: Be reconciled to God today (2 Corinthians 5:20).