

Outline for Lesson 3: Salvation - The Divine Transaction

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.

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).

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).