

God's Grand Narrative: Act 3 Redemption

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Text: Romans 5:1-2, 5-11; Colossians 1:14-23; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

God Grand Narrative as a TV series

- The first half of the series with _____ in perfect _____ and _____ only to have it all go sideways and flip the script in The _____ with man _____ / _____ producing chaos.
- We find us in a state of _____, _____, and _____ devastation between God and man, man and man, and man and creation.
- With only _____ for reconciliation in the form of _____, _____, and prophets along with a whole bunch of foreshadowing of God's perfect and permanent solution to the problem...

Act 3: Redemption (The Solution)

- Jesus Christ is God's _____ perfect and permanent _____ to the problem of sin...
- That solution is _____ through the _____, _____, and resurrection of His one and only Son.
- Which will bring us _____, _____, and _____ with God through His redemptive work on the cross.

Redemption brings reconciliation

- _____ is defined as the restoration of peace or right relationship between 2 people or parties.
1. First, _____ gives us _____ of sins which is necessary for us to be _____ before God. It brings us back into _____ relationship and _____ with God himself.
 2. Next, we see _____ and _____ (women/people) reconciled to one another.
 3. We then see God reconcile Man and _____ / _____ (Rom 8:22).
 4. Last, we see God _____ our _____ in Him through Christ...
- What then is our responsibility and response to redemption through Christ? Simple it's a free gift that we need to accept by believing in Jesus, His gospel, confessing and repenting from our sins, and receiving His forgiveness, and submitting to His Lordship of our lives in obedience.
 - We must also understand no matter what kind of work we do it has a role in co-creating with God in bringing God's work of redemption and reconciliation to the whole earth

Conclusion

- Redemption, salvation, justification, and reconciliation is a free gift God offers to all, but it is an on going process that is not yet complete though it is fully available to receive.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- As a kid what “superhuman” character (on TV or in real life) did you look up to? Why?
- The “firstborn” has the rights of an heir, what rights does Jesus have? What is his relationship to “all things”? Why stress this?
- What is this relationship to God and the church? What does fullness imply?
- What words describe what we once were in God's eyes? How does the death of Christ change all of this?
- What does “reconciliation” mean? How would you define “reconciliation” in ordinary terms? How is this achieved by Jesus? What story from your life illustrates this?
- What does God do through Christ? Through us? For us?
- What *before* and *after* story do you see in Colossians 1:21-23?
- Paraphrase what it means to be “justified through faith”. What benefits are ours as a result?
- What three words best describe your life before you were a Christian? How about now? Why the Change?
- How well do you represent Christ as a physical representation/ambassador at work, in school, at home, or in public with your speech, attitude, and actions?