

May 10, 2009

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

May 17, 2009

a.m. *"Blessedness Starts with the Spirit"*

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

p.m. *"Victory Over the World"*

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-12

God's Deliverance

Don Hatch

Redemption permeates the Bible as a matchless theme where men and angels find something to sing about (Rev 11:16-18; 15:3, 4). Redemption flows from the grace of God and is associated with sanctification and justification. Prayerfully mankind considers the powerful blessings and rich rewards found in God's redeeming grace. Ruination is an unfitting summary of man who is made in the image of God. In the broadest sense redemption is like a canopy covering the entire work of God. Guilty and sinful man is given love, grace and redemption. The significance of redemption is expressed in deliverance from sin's condemnation. The work was finished by Jesus' death on the cross (Eph 1:1-15). The Bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit, verifies the worth and careful study of the way God redeemed mankind. We are bought with the precious price of Jesus' blood (Acts 20:28). We know that we were redeemed from the corruption of sin, not by silver, gold or traditions of men, but the blood of Jesus (1 Pet 1:10-23; Heb 9:12). Release from sin and its bondage is to be free from condemnation and judgment (Eph 1:7, 14; Rom 7:24; Col 1:16). The precious blood of Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a sacrifice to liberate the sinner from foolish selves and willfulness, is the ratification of the New Covenant. Jesus substituted Himself to manifest redeeming love in order that the redeemed might have a principle which governs them to which they can give themselves to God in a sacrificial manner (Rom 12:1-5). Sinners are slaves of Satan, disgraced, vile and lost, unable to ransom themselves, but Jesus intervened to set the captive free (Mat 20:28).

In the court of God's justice sinners are judged by the deeds they do in their bodies (2 Cor 5:10). Jesus redemptive act and His blood purchases or buys back the lost (Gal 3:13; 4:4, 5; Eph 5:16). In the court of God's justice Jesus is represented as the one who bought mankind back having paid the ransom demanded by the law. Christ brings mankind out of any further claim upon them and leads them forth into liberty. This liberty demands allegiance and faithfulness to God. Jesus perfectly met all demands to set the captive free. The redeemed are free from all condemnation (Rom 8:1-5). Ransom and redemption are complete in Jesus. God liberates individuals. He gave a perfect lamb, spotless and pure to be our sacrifice (Jn 1:29, 35). The death stroke against Jesus was the sacrifice acceptable to God the Father. The prophecies of the Messiah foretold of His sacrifice wherein the prophets sought to know the sufferings of Christ (1 Pet 1:10; Heb 1:1-5). When Jesus comes in judgment the foolishness of the things preached will be the difference between salvation and damnation (1 Cor 1:18-20; 2 Tim 4:1-8). This is not foolish preaching but what the world calls foolishness. The words of the cross are foolishness to them that perish but salvation to those who hear and obey. The

disputers of this world will find that their disputations are unwise and cause stumbling. To those who respond to the calling, both Jew and Gentile, Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Christ Jesus is the wisdom of God and righteousness which brings sanctification and redemption (1 Cor 1:26-31).

Redemption is a word full of promise. Those who suffer in sin are freed. A promise of a home for the soul always causes joy and peace (Heb 11:13-18). Heaven is the reward (Rev 5:9; 14:3, 4). To dwell in heaven is to be brought into the presence of God our Creator and Redeemer. Mankind can be taken from the lowest derogation of the soul to this sublime height by the sacrifice of Jesus and their obedience to the New Testament. Jesus' redemption is complete and has an efficacy applied to those who complete the first principles of the Gospel (Heb 5:11-14). The completeness of salvation will be to have Jesus declare us His brethren (Heb 2:12) and to have the Father say "well done thou good and faithful servant" (Mat 25:21). Heaven will be worth it all. Saints can sing "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood" (Rev 5:9). Acquittal can only be claimed on the grounds of Jesus bearing the curse of the law and suffering that we might receive the promises through Him (Eph 1:3; Gal 3:1-15). Jesus paid the price to bring mankind back from slavery to sin, to become the sacrifice on their behalf (1 Pet 1:18, 19). Because He paid the price God will not demand further compensation. God sent His Son to redeem mankind (1 Cor 1:30). Christ gave Himself as a Ransom (Rom 3:23, 24; 6:23; Gal 3:13; Tit 2:14). The purchase of our redemption is eternal in nature (1 Jn 5:18). Jesus' outpouring of His life was the blood of the Divine (Acts 20:28; Heb 9:12). The mighty power of God from the foundation of the world planned for our salvation (Eph 1:3-15). Christ was seen as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, bringing salvation (Isa 53).

Man cannot extricate himself from sin. Neither gold, silver, traditions of man maintained nor personal acts can redeem mankind. Nothing but the precious blood of Jesus Christ can redeem. To fully understand the purchase price we must consider what was involved in Jesus' personal voluntary humiliation, rejection by man, agony, crucifixion and death. This One who knew no sin but was made sin on our behalf is beyond mere mortal comprehension. All mankind can do is rejoice in the gift and render steadfast obedience to God (Rom 1:1-5; 16:17-20). Christ became man, as our Elder Brother, to redeem us. Christ is God's deliverance!

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Many of you have already read our advertising that is printed in the magazine publication "House to House". The latest publication of the "Gospel Sword" should be read by this entire congregation as well. We must take note of our upcoming Summertime Gospel Preaching 2009, teaching from the Parables of Jesus Christ. While we have excellent lessons from our regular teachers, this gives us an opportunity to give them a break on Wednesday evenings. We need to take advantage of every opportunity that is available to us.

Our goal is to reach out and enlighten the Brotherhood, and touch those who have gotten disgusted with the change agents that have engulfed many congregations. Show them the opportunities they are missing of true Worship like you read about in the Bible. It is our aim to reach those who have never read the Bible enough to know what they should do to be saved.

We want to encourage and invite those we know that have drifted away from the true faith and are no longer active. Belt Line Road is the place to be without question! This is where the entire congregation gets involved. We hope to get opportunities to enroll people with interest into correspondence courses that will further their knowledge of the Bible. This will give us an opportunity to teach them how to be saved and how to stay saved. Don't fail to heed the call Brethren when we have a great opportunity!

Belt Line Road continues to be a blessed congregation and continues to be a shining light in this community and elsewhere. Thanks be to God for every member who pitches in and does many good things in His service. Mission Printing continues to be a well supported work with many participants. Our Bible Study teachers continue to do an outstanding work. It takes love and dedication to make things run smoothly. We have love at Belt Line and we continually hear from visitors that Belt Line is a friendly congregation. This is a great compliment, and you have earned this impression by doing good.

We want to remember our sick and shut-ins in our public and private prayers. Some are getting better and others are being added to the ongoing list. We sorrow with many of our members & their families who are having extreme health difficulties, and some have recently lost loved ones. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen these wonderful families.

~ Dean Webb

“Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Phil 4:3-8).

“I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ: even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God” (Phil 1:3-11).

Paul addresses God in a jubilant manner reflecting on the brethren who have been living faithful lives. Paul had often prayed about the members of the church. Their lives were so lived that Paul could find comfort in each remembrance of them. As a supplicant Paul lays before

God the needs and wellbeing of these saints. His petitions have been filled with definite needs and he keenly desired that they each be fulfilled. Paul's concern for their spiritual wellbeing was foremost on his mind. The dangers lurking to hurt these pilgrims were immense (Phil 3:2, 18, 19). Paul's joy was that they had been wary of these evil foes.

The brethren in Philippi had perseverance, having sympathetic participation in the Gospel. They had started a journey and were still walking in the light (1 Jn 1:5-10). Day-by-day these Christians lived in unquestioned regard of their election and salvation in Christ. The Gospel was not only something to obey but to have fellowship with. This fellowship was in the grace of God. This unmerited favor reflected the love and sovereignty of God. Apart from Christ this fellowship was impossible. Ideally this fellowship united the brethren in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:1-16). Jesus drew all men to fellowship with God through obedience to the Gospel (2 Thes 1:6-10). Paul was bound to give thanks for them to God because they always grew exceedingly in love for each other and abounded in faithfulness. Paul saw that every good work was followed through with and carried to its completion. There was human and divine perseverance wherein these good works have come to completion. God who began a good work in Philippi blessed and transformed their lives into purpose driven lives. Once they had a purpose for living they sought to please Him from whom all blessing flowed.

Faithfulness sees a life that will never end (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 5:18). Faithfulness is offered a gift so rare that if cherished we will never leave or separated ourselves from the source of eternal life. Perseverance is not a selfish purpose, rather it seeks to benefit others and manifest Christ's glory. Faithfulness is vindicated and understood when there are fruits of righteousness unto the praise and glory of God.

~ Don Hatch

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth; Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Front foyer: Grady & BC Fowler; Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Henry & Frances Seidmeyer

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The **Sunday afternoon** singing session will meet at 5:15 p.m. in room #116.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** gathering will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

SUMMERTIME SERIES

The Summertime Gospel Preaching Series begins on **June 3rd**. Brother Perry Cotham of Grand Prairie will be the first of 13 Gospel preachers to teach on "The Parables of Jesus".

VBS

Vacation Bible School for children & adults, Monday – Wednesday, **June 15-17**, 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Theme: "Worship".

TEENS

The first meeting of the Summer Youth Series will begin on Tuesday, **June 9th** & will be held in Keller. Please meet at the building at 5:30 p.m. if you'd like to go.

NEW SONG BOOKS

The new song books have arrived & will be in the pews for first-time use this week.

THANK YOU

Dearest Brothers and Sisters, thank you so much for inviting me to participate in your delightful ½ day! What a joy to see you again & share in your faith. Thank you for encouraging me to study holiness in an unholy world; it has been a blessing. May God continue to bless you in faith & love. And may He get good use of your many talents this year! I thank the Elders for such support of their godly women. Love, Polly Cline

A special 'thank you' to our brothers, sisters, & friends at Belt Line for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, concern & kindness shown to Joy & me during our surgeries and periods of recovery. We truly appreciate all of you and may God richly bless each of you as we have been blessed. Dean & Joy Webb

WEDDING BELLS

Cameron Keller (Harold's grandson) will marry **Amber Bryant** on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie. Please call the church office if you need further information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Gwen Bingham** has moved to Lone Star Comprehensive Adult Care; 1105 Ira E. Woods, room #101B; Grapevine; 76051.
- **Billie Gilliam** will see a doctor today about surgery this Friday (5/15).
- **Anna Lee Pope** was released from the hospital & is recuperating at home.
- **Kathy Bennett** (Marjorie's daughter) underwent a successful procedure last week.
- **David McDaniel** (Elizabeth Garrison's brother) is in serious condition in a Tyler hospital.
- **Wil Sadler** (Military missionary) will undergo surgery tomorrow for kidney problems.
- **Linda Woodruff** (friend of the Webbs) was released from the hospital & is recuperating at home.

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Grady Fowler, Fauna Garrett, Don & Judy Hancock, Garldean Latham, Everett Newton, Tom Prince, Roy Thomas, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Nancy Bauer (Scott Watson' mother), Charlie & Mary DiPalma (missionaries), Glen Elmore (elderly father of a friend of Garl Latham), Frank Garrett (Fauna's husband), Louise Gierling (former member Tom Gierling's mother), Scott Watson (Jeanene Heilman's friend), Ilya Yakimenko (missionaries in Russia), & our shut-ins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- May 17: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- May 17: Singing session in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- May 30: Congregational fish fry & ice cream supper
- June 3: Summertime Preaching
- June 9: Summer Youth Series
- June 15-17: Vacation Bible School
- July 5-9: Jr. Youth Camp
- July 19-24: Sr. Youth Camp

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sunday morning:

- Jamie Little

Sunday evening:

- Debra Alonzo

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Purman Cofer
- Jerry Baker
- Dorris Walker
- Marvin Brown
- Mike Garrison
- Bill Matthews
- Ty Harvey
- John Mayer

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Bobby Bowen
- Jeremy Hardegree
- Virgil LaFerney
- Derroll Allen

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Dean Webb
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jeremy Hardegree
Matthew 5:1-12

A.M. SONG LEADER

· Darrell Allen

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Robert Ruckman
· Garl Latham

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Marvin Brown
1 John 5:1-12

P.M. SONG LEADER

· Ty Harvey (last song, Denzil Myers)

LORD’S TABLE/EVENING

· Glen Kelly
· Bill Matthews

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Bill Paschall

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	96	100	93	125
A.M. Worship	148	185	156	210
P.M. Worship	85	84	88	112
Wed. Class	74	83	82	110
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	30	35
Contribution	\$6443	\$4450	\$5473	\$5474

MISSIONS

Charlie & Mary DiPalma - India
 Willie Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Christ’s Haven Children’s Home - Keller, TX
 Foster’s Home for Children – Stephenille, TX
 Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India
 Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Bear Valley School of Preaching
 Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India