

**YOUR TRUE IDENTITY:  
REDEMPTION**

**TEXT: HEBREWS 9:11 – 15 KJV**

**THEME: REDEMPTION**

**I. ETERNAL REDEMPTION**

**A. The book of Hebrews is masterful at showing the superiority of the New Covenant over The Old Covenant.**

The Old Testament has types and shadows, but Jesus was the real thing.

The blood of animals in The Old Covenant was only a picture of the true blood of Christ that cleanses us of our sins in The New Testament.

**B. Notice the results of Jesus sacrifice for us in Hebrews 9:12: It was “eternal redemption.”**

This is a concept that’s foreign to many Christians.

To often we think of our sins being forgiven up to the point of salvation. Then every time we sin we have to get our sins **“under the blood”** or we will lose our salvation.

But is that what this verse and the rest of the Bible teaches?

The writer repeats the same thought in **verse 15**:

*And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.* Hebrews 9:15 KJV

**Verse 12** spoke of *eternal redemption*, and this verse speaks of *eternal inheritance*. This thought is carried on through the end of this chapter.

**C. Versus 24 through 28 keep repeating this truth of eternal redemption through the one offering of Jesus Christ.** (Read these verses.)

All these verses are revealing *that* the one offering of Jesus cleansed us from all sin – **past, present, and even future sin.**

**D. Look at what the writer of Hebrews goes on to say in Hebrews 10:10:**

*By the which will (And by that will) we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* Hebrews 10:10 KJV

The sanctification we received through the sacrifice of Jesus made us holy, *“once for all.”* And those who were sanctified (which is every person who receives salvation) were also perfected forever. (Reach Scripture below.)

*For by one offering he hath perfected **for ever** them that are sanctified.* Hebrews 10:14 KJV  
**Statement:** That's nearly – too – good – to –be – true news! The Scriptures, our spiritual mirror, says we have been perfected forever. Thank you Jesus!

**E. Hebrews 12:23 makes it very clear that this is speaking of our born-again spirit.**

*To the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, **to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.*** Hebrews 12:23 NIV

Our spirit is the part of us that was made perfect. It wasn't only cleansed and made perfected until the next time we sin. It has been perfected forever, Thank You Jesus!

**Statement:** I know this teaching goes contrary to much of religion, but it isn't contrary to the Bible. Because we have not understood this truth many Christians live in a sense of fear concerning their salvation. I believe you will find there will be greater joy, peace, rest & freedom when we come to the understanding that our re-created spirit was made perfect and redeemed for eternity.

**Question:** Does this mean we can just go live in sin because our spirit has been sanctified and perfected forever? God for bid! Absolutely not!

## II. SO WHY LIVE HOLY?

A. The apostle Paul ran into this question continually.

As Paul proclaimed Gods expectance by grace, not works, there were **four times** he asked the question: *“Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound?”*

Paul always gave the same emphatic answer: **“God forbid.”**

B. A true understanding of our eternal redemption will beg us to ask the question:

“Are you saying we are free to sin?” **Paul answered this question saying, *God forbid.***

C. After Paul responded to this question with, “*God forbid*” then he gave **two reasons** why Christians should live holy lives.

The **first reason** is given in Romans 6:1 - 2

*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein?* Romans 6:1 - 2 KJV

**We are dead to sin, not dying, but dead.** That's not to say that as Christians, our mind or our body can't sin. But our new spirit cannot sin, **1 John 3: 9.**

Our old sin nature that compelled us to sin is gone, and there is a new nature leading us to godly living.

**Someone might say,** “That's not my experience. I still have that old sin nature.”

That's what it feels like at times, but that's not what the spiritual mirror shows.

**Romans 6** shows that our old sin nature has been crucified with Jesus, and now we have to **reckon**, or count on, the fact that it is dead. **(Ex. reconcile; bank statement)**

**Question:** Why do we still have the old sin drive.

Because left behind is a corrupted mind. Our old sin nature polluted our minds with selfishness and evil. We no longer have a nature that compels us to sin. It's only an unrenewed mind that is keeping us in bondage. **Example:** mind is like a computer.

The **second reason** why Christians should live a holy life is found in **Romans 6:16**:

*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?* Romans 6:16 KJV

When a Christian yields to sin, he yields himself to Satan, the author of that sin. That doesn't mean he loses his salvation, but it does mean he is given the devil an road into his life. **(Quote John: 1010)**

If we give Satan a free shot at us he will eat your lunch.

The enemy will take advantage of the opportunities we give him.

Therefore, we must limit our ability to sin and therefore limit Satan's attacks.

When we approach God, we must always approach him through our re-created spirit, which is righteous and truly holy.

*And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* Ephesians 4:24 KJV

### III. THE REAL YOU: THE RE-CREATED SPIRIT

*And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

1 John 3:3KJV

A. A true Christian has the desire and drive to live holy, just like Jesus did.

As a Christian, may be doing a terrible job of it because he doesn't know the truth (John 8:32), but if he is truly saved, he will not want to sin.

B. In fact a way you can tell if you've had a genuine conversion is that you will find no joy in committing sin. You may still commit sin, but it will not be satisfying like it was before. Why? Because you've been changed.

C. Each time a Christian sins, he give Satan an in road into his body and mind. That's not smart.

We can't play with fire without being burned.

D. Therefore, we should resist sin and repent every time we yield to it.

But never lose sight of the fact that it is not our physical actions and mental thoughts that make us worthy or unworthy in the sight of God.

*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

John 4:24 KJV

E. God is a Spirit, and He has placed within every true believer a new spirit that is just like Him. It's holy and righteous and is never anything else, regardless of our actions.

**CONCLUSION:** That is the new you. This is your true identity. Understanding this will give you new options. You no longer will give just token resistance to sin, thinking, *"After all, I'm just a sinner. This is my nature to act in sin."* No! You were a sinner, but now you are the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21). You will be as you see yourself (Proverbs 23:7). If you see yourself as a new creation that is holy and pure, you will begin to act that way!