



Be Redeemed – Message 3

Announcements

- **Women's Night** // Tuesday, March 28th // Invite your friends, wives, sisters, mothers and colleagues to this special night! Doors open at 6:30pm and event starts at 7pm. Register for childcare at ChurchoftheKing.com/wn.

Warm-up

What Easter traditions did you have as a child? Or what Easter traditions do you do with your family and friends?

In message three of the *When Life Hurts* series, we continue our study on seven statements Jesus made from the cross that can help us live through the challenging times in our lives. This week we dive into Matthew 27 and explore how we can overcome difficult time when we know we are *redeemed* and right with God.

Word and Application

No matter what we are facing, we can be confident, as followers of Jesus, we are clean before God because of what Jesus did to become the substitution for you and me. We, the ones who actually committed sin, did not pay the payment or atonement price for our sin. It was the innocent lamb on the cross who paid the price. All sins were placed upon Jesus, making him the literal substitute for us.

Read 1 John 2:2, 2 Corinthians 5:21. Share a time when you willingly paid something someone else owed; or when you served someone when they least expected it.

Read Matthew 27:45-46. The rejection Jesus felt on the cross is expressed when he cries out to God, the Father. Do you ever get to the point where you cry out to God for an answer? What might hinder us from calling to God in time of need?

Jesus' cry on the cross teaches us some significant areas where we can gain wisdom when life hurts. Let's look at three things we can learn from Jesus' cry to God.

1. God is holy

Read Revelation 4:8 and Habakkuk 1:13. How does understanding the holiness of God help us see the rejection Jesus experienced?

At the moment all the sin is placed on Jesus, God cannot even look at His own Son because He is pure in holiness at the time that Jesus bore the sin of the whole world on himself. How important is it that we pursue holiness out of respect to honor the one who bore our penalty?

2. Sin is ugly

Despite the skewed societal view, sin has major consequences. Here are just **Two Damaging Effects of Sin.**

- *Sin alienates us.*

Sin creates conflict, breaks relationships, and creates distance between God and us.

Read Isaiah 59:2. When you've distanced yourself from God through sin, how can we eliminate the gap?

- *Sin distresses us.*

Unrecognized and unresolved conflict with God causes worry, fear and doubt. What are some other effects from the stress of sin in our lives?

Read Psalm 38:4. When you are in distress, what can you do to be released from these effects of sin?

3. Salvation is costly

Your salvation is costly, but is a free gift from God. Somebody paid for it for you, and his name is Jesus Christ. **Read Romans 3:25 and Galatians 3:13.** What most resonates with you in these verses? Explain how the extent of God's love for us all is shown in the divine substitution of Jesus.

As soon as you can, get alone with God and ask Him to reveal any unrecognized or unresolved sin that is creating distance in our relationship with God. Make a choice to confess and turn from conflict with God that intimacy is restored.

Prayer

Thank God for loving us enough to pay the costly price of His Son to make restoration with Him. Ask God for to help you share the message of redemption to others who are hurting. Pray for specific needs of the group.