

Home Study Notes 11 Mar 18 – Redemption

Ice-breaker

Have you ever taken on a big debt, or responsibility?

How did you feel when it was paid off?

Word

Read Romans 10:1-15

- What was the problem which prevented the Israelites from being saved?
- Is there a warning for our own Christian lives in v3?
- How was this illustrated in Paul's own life? (Galatians 1:13-16)
- What does Paul mean when he says that Christ is the end of the Law?
- vv 5-8 are a quotation from Deuteronomy 30:11-14. Read this passage and compare the two versions.
- God gave his people a choice in Deut 30:15-16. What was the problem with this proposition?
- How does righteousness by faith differ from righteousness by law? (Rom 9:30-32)
- What is the outcome of this difference? (vv12-13)
- Finally, what responsibility is placed upon all believers? (vv14-15)

Witness

Pray for:

- All those who come into contact with our two churches over the Easter period.
- All those with whom we come into contact through our daily lives.
- An increased personal knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures.
- Opportunities to discharge the responsibility implied in Rom 10:14-15
- Those known to us who are sick or in distress.
- Our ministry team and all who contribute to the work of our two churches.

Worship

Use this responsory, based on extracts from "Paradise Lost".

Father, we do not have within ourselves the capacity to obey your Law. How can we possibly enter your Kingdom?

Behold me then: me for him, life for life I offer:
on me let thine anger fall;

Jesus, is your love for us so great that you will lay aside your glory to offer yourself in our place?

Account me Man; I for his sake will leave Thy bosom,
and this glory next to thee freely put off,
and for him lastly die well pleased;
on me let Death wreak all his rage.

Jesus, is your love for us so great that you will die for us?

Under his gloomy power I shall not long lie vanquished. ...
But I shall rise victorious, and subdue My vanquisher,
spoiled of his vaunted spoil.

Jesus, we confess that You are Lord; we believe that God raised you from the dead; we claim your redemption for ourselves.

Then, with the multitude of my redeemed,
Shall I enter Heaven, long absent, and return, Father, to see thy face,
wherein no cloud of anger shall remain, but peace assured and reconciliation:
wrath shall be no more thenceforth, but in thy presence joy entire.

Lord, we eagerly await the day when, clothed in your righteousness, we can stand before the Father, with the multitude of your redeemed.

Spend a few moments in silence, meditating on these words, then close by saying the Grace to one another.