

THE REDEMPTION OF MAN BY THE PASSION OF CHRIST

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:30 ESV

When Christ said “It is finished,” that had two great implications: In short, it meant all that He needed to do and was going to do to redeem mankind was done! The other great implication was, the rest of the work remained for the church to do

When Christ sent out the apostles He gave the charter of the church in Matthew 10:5-15

“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And

- 1. Proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’*
- 2. a. Heal the sick, (in Mark 6:13 the apostles anointed the sick with oil when healing them)*
 - b. raise the dead,*
 - c. cleanse lepers,*
 - d. cast out demons.*
- 3. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.*
- 4. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.*
- 5. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.” ESV*

This charter was amended in Luke 22:35-38

“And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, ‘Nothing.’ He said to them, ‘But now

- 3. (revised) let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack.*
- 6. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.*

For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.’ And they said, ‘Look, Lord, here are two swords.’ And he said to them, ‘It is enough.’”

During the forty days Christ spent on earth after His resurrection, He reproached His disciples for unbelief and admonished them to preach the gospel everywhere to everyone. He also added new authority with power over demons, all classifications of diseases and harmful animals and materials.

- 7. “Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.’ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had*

spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.” Mark 16:14-20 ESV

Note that from that time onward believers are delegated additional authority in Christ to exercise new supernatural gifts and signs as a seal of their redemption:

1. casting out demons in the name of Jesus Christ
2. speaking in new tongues;
3. handling poisonous serpents without harm
4. ingesting poison will not harm them
5. they will lay their hands on the sick, and the sick will recover.

This confirms what was spoken of by the prophet Joel:

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.” Joel 2:28-32 ESV

The final amendment came on the day Christ ascended back to His Father in heaven.

Just before His ascension, Christ said to His disciples, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and*

8. you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 ESV

Jesus encouraged the Church by telling them that the limits on what they could do were taken off:

“Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also (1) do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (2) Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” John 14:11-14 ESV

Christ did 37 Miracles documented in Scriptures

| # | Miracle | Matthew | Mark | Luke | John |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana | | | | 2:1-11 |
| 2 | Jesus Heals an Official’s Son at Capernaum in Galilee | | | | 4:43-54 |
| 3 | Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum | | 1:21-27 | 4:31-36 | |
| 4 | Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever | 8:14-15 | 1:29-31 | 4:38-39 | |

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| 5 | Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening | 8:16-17 | 1:32-34 | 4:40-41 | |
| 6 | First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret | | | 5:1-11 | |
| 7 | Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy | 8:1-4 | 1:40-45 | 5:12-14 | |
| 8 | Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum | 8:5-13 | | 7:1-10 | |
| 9 | Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was Let Down From the Roof | 9:1-8 | 2:1-12 | 5:17-26 | |
| 10 | Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath | 12:9-14 | 3:1-6 | 6:6-11 | |
| 11 | Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From the Dead in Nain | | | 7:11-17 | |
| 12 | Jesus Calms a Storm on the Sea | 8:23-27 | 4:35-41 | 8:22-25 | |
| 13 | Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs | 8:28-33 | 5:1-20 | 8:26-39 | |
| 14 | Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd With an Issue of Blood | 9:20-22 | 5:25-34 | 8:42-48 | |
| 15 | Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter Back to Life | 9:18, 23-26 | 5:21-24, 35-43 | 8:40-42, 49-56 | |
| 16 | Jesus Heals Two Blind Men | 9:27-31 | | | |
| 17 | Jesus Heals a Man Who Was Unable to Speak | 9:32-34 | | | |
| 18 | Jesus Heals an Invalid at Bethesda | | | | 5:1-15 |
| 19 | Jesus Feeds 5,000 Plus Women and Children | 14:13-21 | 6:30-44 | 9:10-17 | 6:1-15 |
| 20 | Jesus Walks on Water | 14:22-33 | 6:45-52 | | 6:16-21 |
| 21 | Jesus Heals The Sick While They Touch His Garment | 14:34-36 | 6:53-56 | | |
| 22 | Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman's Demon-Possessed Daughter | 15:21-28 | 7:24-30 | | |
| 23 | Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man | | 7:31-37 | | |
| 24 | Jesus Feeds 4,000 Plus Women and Children | 15:32-39 | 8:1-13 | | |
| 25 | Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida | | 8:22-26 | | |
| 26 | Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind by Spitting in His Eyes | | | | 9:1-12 |
| 27 | Jesus Heals a Boy With an Unclean Spirit | 17:14-20 | 9:14-29 | 9:37-43 | |
| 28 | Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth | 17:24-27 | | | |
| 29 | Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac | 12:22-23 | | 11:14-23 | |
| 30 | Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years | | | 13:10-17 | |
| 31 | Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath | | | 14:1-6 | |
| 32 | Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers on the Way to Jerusalem | | | 17:11-19 | |
| 33 | Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead in Bethany | | | | 11:1-45 |
| 34 | Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho | 20:29-34 | 10:46-52 | 18:35-43 | |
| 35 | Jesus Withers the Fig Tree on the Road From Bethany | 21:18:22 | 11:12-14 | | |
| 36 | Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear While Being Arrested | | | 22:50-51 | |
| 37 | The Second Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberias | | | | 21:4-11 |

According to John 14:12, any true believer can do all of the above, and more!

Roles of Holy Spirit

These miraculous abilities are possible because after Christ went to heaven, Holy Spirit, our Paraclete (gr. *παράκλητος*, *parakletos* - *intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter*), came to Earth with multiple roles:

1. counselor¹,
2. comforter²,
3. helper³,
4. intercessor⁴,
5. interpreter⁵,
6. reminder⁶,
7. teacher⁷,
8. guide in all truth⁸ with wisdom
9. revealer of things to come⁹,
10. bestower of spiritual gifts¹⁰,
11. judge of sinners¹¹,
12. source of knowledge¹²,
13. wisdom, revelation and power¹³,
14. the seal of God's redemption in our lives¹⁴
15. who renews us¹⁵,
16. gives us eternal life¹⁶,
17. who sanctifies us¹⁷ and
18. enables us to serve God's purposes with good deeds and spiritual fruit¹⁸.

What kind of Heavenly Kingdom Does this Bring?

Jesus Christ will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords and rule over a global empire

"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." Revelation 17:14 ESV

¹ John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; and 16:7

² John 14:26

³ John 14:16

⁴ Romans 8:26, 27

⁵ Romans 8:26-27

⁶ John 14:26

⁷ John 14:26

⁸ John 16:13

⁹ 1 Corinthians 2:10

¹⁰ I Corinthians 12:7-11

¹¹ John 16:7-8

¹² John 16:13-15

¹³ I Corinthians 2:10-11, Acts 1:8

¹⁴ Ephesians 1:13

¹⁵ Titus 3:4-6

¹⁶ Ephesians 1:17-20, Romans 8:10-11

¹⁷ II Thessalonians 2:13

¹⁸ Galatians 5:22-25

“Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:30, 31 ESV

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

Christ will rule with the elect.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” Mat 25:31-35 ESV

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create

1. A new Jerusalem of gladness and peace without suffering:
Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
2. Mankind will be healthy and ageless:
No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
3. A world of peace, order and stability
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.
4. God will hear and answer prayer without delay
Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
5. The animal kingdom will be in harmony without predation
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.” Isaiah 65:17-25 ESV

Christ will ultimately subjugate all other temporal power to Himself and when that is complete He will turn over the government to the Father.

“Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.” I Corinthians 15:24-25 ESV

In this Kingdom of Heaven, believers are given positional authority as King, Priest (Revelation 1:6), Prophet (Acts 21:10) and Judge (I Corinthians 2:15, I Thess. 5:21–22), seated in Christ at the right hand of Almighty God (Romans 6:4, Ephesians 2:6),

Each role has special authority, rights and privileges. For example, among other things a King can issue decrees, put to death, pardon the condemned, raise armies and declare war. A divinely anointed king has all-important sovereign immunity. A person in the office of prophet (as opposed to someone merely operating in the gift of prophesy) can rebuke and judge a king as well as pronounce blessings and curses. A believer in the office of judge can exonerate (remit sins) or condemn (retain sins). A comprehensive explanation of this is desirable, but beyond the scope of this message.

The Devil & Demons Bound

Satan (and presumably his demons), are no longer free to tempt and torment mankind and oppress the rest of the created world.

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.” Revelation 20:1-3 ESV

World Government at Jerusalem / No More War

There will be a world government based in Jerusalem that will govern the rest of the nations as tributaries and prevent war between the nations.

“It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” Isaiah 2:2-4 ESV

Jerusalem will also be a center of Worship for the Lord (and no other god)

“Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’” Zechariah 8:22, 23 ESV

There will be an imperial highway between Assyria (modern Iraq) and Egypt

“In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.” Isaiah 19:23-25 ESV

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall

graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Isaiah 11:6-9 ESV

“In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.” Isaiah 11:10 ESV

“In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” Isaiah 11:11-12 ESV

“The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.” Isaiah 11:13-14 ESV

“And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals. And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.” Isaiah 11:15-16 ESV

The whole population of the earth will be thoroughly educated about the things of the Lord

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14 ESV

There will be an unprecedented increase in the number of children born.

“Lift up your eyes all around and see! They all gather and come to you. As I live, says Jehovah, you shall surely wear all of them as an ornament, and bind them on as a bride. For your wastes and your deserted places, and your land of ruins shall even now be too narrow to live there; and they who swallow you shall be far away. The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; come near for me so that I may have place to live. Then you shall say in your heart, Who has borne these to me, for I am bereaved and desolate, turned aside and an exile; who then has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. From where do these come? So says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations, and will set up My banner to peoples. And they shall bring your sons in the bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on the shoulder. And kings shall be supporting you, and their princesses your nurses. They shall bow to you, faces down to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. And you shall know that I am Jehovah, by whom they who wait for Me shall not be ashamed.” Isaiah 49:18-23 ESV

The sea will become dry land

Isa 19:5 And the waters shall dry up from the sea, and the river shall fail and dry up.

Isa 19:6 And rivers shall be fouled; and the Nile of Egypt will languish and dry up; the reed and the rush shall decay.

Isa 19:7 Bare places shall be at the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and everything sown by the Nile shall dry up, driven away, and be no more.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and mountains were not found.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea no longer is.

The desert shall bloom like a garden

“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Isaiah 35:1,2 ESV

People shall be able to walk, run and even fly without tiring.

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:28-31 ESV

For all the people shall be compelled to go to Jerusalem for the Feast of Booths.

“Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.” Zechariah 14:16-19 ESV

Because of the zeal of the Lord the Kingdom of Heaven will increase forever.

“Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this” Isaiah 9:7 ESV