

Creation/Redemption

Dear Saints who live "in Christ" in Chattanooga, Dalton, Trenton, Dayton, and Mentone,

What wealth we have in Him.

I love you all with all my heart. The Lord willing, we will be back to you in a month.

I have heard of the wonderful things that God has been doing in your midst, conforming you into the likeness of His Son, so the Father can have many sons like His only begotten Son, in order to carry out His purpose of Creation, not only on earth now, but for the eternal ages to come.

We now belong to God. Now we are His children, but someday we will be Sons. We belong to God in two ways:

- 1) Through Creation — He created us;
- 2) Through Redemption — He bought us.

“For you have been bought with a price, therefore ‘glorify God’ in your body.” The object of creation is for man to “glorify God.” We need to know just how to carry this out.

How majestic is His name in all the earth?

Ps 8 — “O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Thy name in all the earth. From the mouths of infants and nursing babes, Thou hast established strength” — and “prepared praise for Thyself.” It is not necessary for God to deal with Satan. God will use infants for that, with the authority of Yahshua (Mt 27:16).

Those who can praise can deal with Satan, the enemy. So God is looking for men who can praise, who are able to praise. “Would a man rob God?” (Mal 3). Ps 24 — “Who may ascend to the mountain of the Lord? And who may stand in His Holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, or deceit.” This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob, Abraham and Isaac of Israel. This is the generation who will do it, who will do it for God's benefit and fulfill His need, His will,

and His purpose. Sing Psalm 25 — “Unto Thee O Lord.” Do not let my enemies subdue me, but let me subdue my enemies. Let me know Your ways and paths; Your plan (verses 8-10).

Mt 12:30 — “He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters.” If we are not gathering with Him, we are opposing Him. This means that after we are redeemed, we then start cooperating with Him to accomplish the very purpose we were bought for or purchased back for. We were not purchased for the only reason to someday go to heaven, but to do His will NOW (Mt 7:21-23), with great testing (verses 24-27; Eph 6:10-12) and opposition.

The little boy floating his boat in a branch lost it, and several days later saw it in a store front for sale. With much bluntness he tried to reason with the owner of the store, but to no avail. So the little boy saved and saved and saved until he had enough to buy his boat back. And once he did, he looked at the boat that he had made with his own hands and said, “I made you and I bought you.” The little boy redeemed what was rightfully his — so we too belong to God because He made us and because He purchased us. We belong to God for a definite purpose — being redeemed, “saved,” is to our benefit — being created was for God’s benefit or purpose.