

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – January 28, 2024

Theme: The Foundation of the Christian Faith **Topic:** God's Promise of Redemption

Main Texts: Romans 5:12-19; Romans 3:21-26

Key verse: Romans 5:19 *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous" (NKJV)*

INTRODUCTION: Last week, we looked at 'Sin and its consequences'. Today, we go on to see God's promise of redemption which was announced in Genesis 3:15 as soon as the fall happened, even though it was preordained before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 2:20); and completed when the Lamb was slain in sacrifice from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8). God is all knowing, and nothing takes Him by surprise. His first response to man's disobedience was to judge the serpent and pronounce enmity between the deceiver (serpent) and the woman and announce His promise of redemption. *'And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel'* (Genesis 3:15). The consequences of man's disobedience did not deter God from His original plan for man, for indeed *'the counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations'* (Psalm 33:11).

1. **(a) Read Genesis 3:14-19. What is the significance of God announcing His promise of redemption to the serpent before pronouncing judgement on man? Let participants list the judgements pronounced on man (b) Do you think God's judgement on man was too harsh for first time disobedience? Explain your answer. (c) Read 1 Peter 2:18-20 and Revelation 13:8. What do these passages tell you of the character or person of God?**

God's original purpose for man was breathtaking! Made in God's own image, man was blessed and empowered to be fruitful and multiply, to have dominion, replenish the earth, and above all to be in fellowship with God (Genesis 1:28). Despite all these, man fell but God's purpose remained intact. The fall of one man, Adam, brought judgement, condemnation, and death to all mankind after him. But it did not end there. God's promise of redemption kicked in through one Man's obedience. So that, *'...as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous'* (Romans 5:19). God bought us back (redeemed us) to Himself. He paid the price for us to become His again.

2. **(a) Read Romans 3:21-26, Let participants share why the conferment of righteousness is not automatic as the conferment of death to all after Adam. (b) God's promise of redemption has manifested and is now available to all. What role does faith play in being redeemed and having the righteousness that is imputed on us through Christ? (c) How would you explain God's redemption plan to a new believer.**

God's promise of redemption has been manifested and it restored man to His original purpose and place on earth. However, the righteousness from the one Man, Jesus Christ comes by faith in Him. This is unlike sin that spread automatically to all men. While redemption is available, each person must make a choice to receive the righteousness that Jesus offers. *'For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast'* (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our redemption is through the blood of Christ shed for us. We have forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7). While we have been redeemed, Jesus, in Luke 21:25-28, tells us of signs that shows that our redemption draws near.

3. **(a) Read Luke 21:25-28. Let participants share their thoughts or understanding on 'your redemption draws near' (b) How does the passage in (a) encourage and challenge you in the light of God's original purpose for you? (c) How would you apply the lessons on God's promise of redemption?**

Prayer: *Our dear heavenly Father, we thank You for Your promise of redemption after the fall. We thank You, that You kept to Your promise and that today, we are the 'Redeemed of the Lord'. May our lives, as the Redeemed of the Lord reflect Your glory always. Amen.*