

What the Bible Says About Redemption

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1. **REDEMPTIONS' ORIGIN**—Involving God's foreknowledge,¹ man's redemption was decreed by the elective counsel of Providence before the foundations of the world. Free-will² advocates hate the Bible teachings of election, predestination, and ordination, , , Why? Because they cannot choose their way to heaven!
2. **REDEMPTIONS' PURPOSE**—To deliver us from the consequences of Adam and Eves' disobedience to God, namely broken fellowship and spiritual death (twice dead), as well as physical death (biological-cellular & D.N.A. decline and death).³ In addition to this, we must also add what is referred to as [innate or cognitive reprobation](#).⁴
3. **REDEMPTIONS' FREQUENCY**—The Bible is clear on this issue of redemption and the Holy Spirits' work of repentance and crucifixion of the sin nature . . . Redemption happens only once. The teaching of multiple baptisms by the Holy Spirit is completely unscriptural.⁵ We will never get any more of the Holy Spirit than at the time the old man is crucified. We can grieve or quench the Holy Spirit. We can also be guilty of elevating self back on the throne of our life, and when that happens, disaster occurs.
4. **REDEMPTIONS' OCCURRENCE**—Salvation happens supernaturally and invisibly and is a spiritual phenomenon where the twice dead are transformed having their

¹ An attribute belonging only to God, foreknowledge is not limited by time, space, or circumstances.

Foreknowledge means knowing something before it happens. Rom. 8:29, 30—For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

² A creature born in sin and inheriting Adam's curse is not 'free' to choose.

³ Twice dead means spiritually and physically dead. Spiritually blind in this life, separated from God in the hereafter. Luke 9:59, 60—And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. Jude 12—These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; . . .

⁴ Falling under the heading of sorcery, bewitching produces a reprobate mind. One who is reprobate labels evil as good, and good as evil. In Acts 8 we see how Simon the sorcerer beguiled the Samaritans who had another Torah (the Samaritan Pentateuch) and had disobeyed by marrying outside the Jewish bloodline. In Romans 1:27, 28 this is especially true in the area of one's God-determined sexuality. For those who want to argue against God's divine plan, we are told that those individuals who engage in perversion ARE reprobate—their thought processes are defiled.

⁵ Eph. 4:4, 5—There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, . . . Multiple baptisms by the Spirit is a central teaching of the [Charismatic denomination](#).

soul revived and the promise of eternal life assured—a new creature in Christ.⁶ Redemption is neither initiated nor accomplished by man, but by God.

5. **REDEMPTIONS' APPEARANCE**—Is manifested in the saint through the fruit of the Spirit's operation from Galatians 5:22, 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." An important virtue to be added to this list is a teachable spirit woven throughout the Book of Proverbs.
6. **REDEMPTIONS' CONFIRMATION**—Assurance of salvation and Christ in me, do not evoke a confidence steeped in subjectivism, but rather from the Holy Spirits' presence accomplishing his purposes within; in spite of who and what I am—a forgiven sinner saved by grace.
7. **REDEMPTIONS' AUTHOR**—Man's free will, or the belief that I can save myself, is anathema or cursed to the doctrine of redemption.⁷ Man's free-will has its counterparts in the scriptures such as: the circumcision, Nicolaitanism, Pharisaicalism, etc. After the completion of the scriptures, it became known as Romanism, Protestantism, Pelagianism, semi-Pelagianism, Arminianism, and MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. The elevation of man is reflected in the denominational, non-denominational, interdenominational, or ecumenical movement prevalent in the contemporary American church scene.
8. **REDEMPTIONS' CONSEQUENCES**—Rest, contentment, and peace characterize the life of the saint. Because salvation is all of God, he will see it through to its ultimate fulfillment.
9. **REDEMPTIONS' CONSUMMATION**—For the saint, redemption's consummation will occur when physical death happens. It is at this point that sanctification, consecration, and man's sin nature will be erased . . . For corruption will put on incorruption and mortality exchanged for immortality. Yes, death will be swallowed up in victory, namely entrance into paradise and eternal life with Jesus our Savior.
10. **REDEMPTION IS EXCLUSIVE NOT INCLUSIVE (MATT. 13:11)**—Jesus' *parable of the sower and the seed* could not be more emphatic regarding the division between the multitude assembled on the shore anxiously awaiting to hear Jesus' teaching,

⁶ II Cor. 5:17—Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

⁷ Gal. 1:6-10—I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

versus those few ‘outcasts’ living his teaching, assembled within the boat, who openly and unashamedly identified with their Lord.

11. **REDEMPTION IS CONTRARY TO MAN’S PERSPECTIVE**—Let us face it, God’s ways are contrary to man’s ways, while God’s thoughts are higher than man’s thoughts. Such is redemption! God is the sole agent by which redemption or justification of man’s condemned condition can be reconciled. The two testaments of God’s covenant can be understood only in the light of man’s sinfulness and God’s holiness. The Old Testament, picturing the priesthood, the law, and human effort in obedience before the law, falls far short of the grace, mercy and forgiveness in Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament. As it says, in the book of Galatians, the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24, 25).

12. **REDEMPTION’S PLAYERS**

- ❖ **THE CALLED**—While the chosen must be called, there are many called, but not chosen. The called are those who are likened to babes⁸ in Hebrews 5:12,13. The Bible is full of examples of those that are called, and the few that are chosen. Take for example, Noah, his wife, Noah’s three sons, and daughters-in-law. Out of the millions of people, before the flood, God chose to deliver just eight souls. After the flood, there was a further thinning of those who would emerge as faithful and having faith in their Creator. While I am not saying that everyone in the lineage of Ham the youngest, and even Japheth the elder was evil, God revealed that many within Hams’ line would be generally characterized by the traits of pleasure, worldliness, and godless habits.
- ❖ **THE CHOSEN**—Simply put, reference will again be made to the most important parable Jesus’ ever taught.⁹ The chosen in this parable are those whose hearts are characterized by rocky soil and soil that is thorny. For the former, when persecution or tribulation occur because of their identification (outward appearance) with Christ they are offended—they bail. With the seed, namely Christ, who is sown amongst a heart containing thorns (the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches) Christ is forgotten, hence no fruit is produced. Sadly, these are the multitudes of people that have been beguiled by the physical, visible church advocating works and ‘proper behavior’ (willful determination vs.

⁸ In Hebrews 5:13, 14, babes are unskillful in the word of righteousness, meaning, they are hypocritical and LOST (Heb. 6:4-6). While they virtue signal to others what they should do, they themselves do not intend to rest in the righteousness and finished work of Christ that is fulfilled in the saint through the Holy Spirit’s abiding presence.

⁹ Namely, the parable of the sower and the seed. Mark 4:13—And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables?

Spirit-filled living) as influenced by ‘Christian’ psychology,¹⁰ feminism, ecumenism, denominationalism (the cult of personality—I Cor. 1:12, 13) and the counterfeit ‘bible’ movement. It is the spiritually beguiled whose names will be blotted out from the Book of Life.

¹⁰ Simply put, the blame game!



Figure 1—SORCERY AND BEWITCHING APPEARED LONG BEFORE MK ULTRA OR SYLVAN MIND CONTROL

Making himself out as "some great one" and "the great power of God," Simon the sorcerer (Acts 8:5-24) thought he could buy the gift of the Holy Ghost. Falling under Peter's rebuke, the sorcerer appears to have never repented of his sin of presumption and pride. Godly repentance produces a changed life and direction . . . One marked by humility and glory to Jesus Christ. Because of Simon the sorcerer's influence and position within Samaritan culture, you would have thought a notable conversion of such a prominent citizen would have garnered at least a favorable mention; however, it cannot be found anywhere in the New Testament.



Charles Parham, left, is known as the father of the Apostolic Faith Movement and founder of the Pentecostal-Charismatic denominations. Known as the cult of personality because of its emphasis on the individuals within such denominations, careful comparison of the scriptures with the deviant doctrines and commandments of men that emerge, are disturbing and unbiblical to say the least. Today the Charismatic Movement, augmented through the ecumenical efforts of Rome, has become the dominant Protestant denomination within America. Its emphasis on glossolalia or gibberish is not remotely akin to the tongues (known human languages) and *unknown tongue* (heavenly language)¹ mentioned by Paul in I Corinthians 14. Not only that, but the completion of God's word has rendered certain gifts mentioned in I Corinthians 12 and 13:8-10 as inoperable today.

1. Having biblically studied this phenomenon from I Corinthians 14, God emphasized the need for such a gift to benefit the church NOT the individual. While God gifts each of his people, those gifts are given to benefit the body, "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown tongue* pray that he may interpret" and "If any man speak in an *unknown tongue*, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by three* (I Cor. 14:13), and *that* by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God (I Cor. 14:27, 28). CONCLUSION: God's emphasis was that this heavenly language benefit the body more than the individual; if there was no one to interpret, then silence should be observed. This heavenly language IS NOT in operation today since scripture's completion!

Dispensationalism

Dispensation, a word appearing in the New Testament of the K.J.V., is clearly addressed in scripture. It is the salient teaching found in Hebrews 1:1, 2—God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

The word dispensation is also found in I Corinthians 9:17,¹¹ Ephesians 1:10,¹² Ephesians 3:2-7,¹³ Colossians 1:25, 26¹⁴. So you see, a dispensation is a reference to a specific period, namely the context of the New Testament including the Apostolic Church Age. Generically, the word dispensation, a span of time, is how the word should be defined. We are in the latter days, the last half of Daniel's 70th week, the tribulation or as Jesus' called it, the beginning of sorrows.

I have labeled the current dispensation, starting at the completion of the scriptures up until now as, *The Completed Word vs. The Apostate Church*.

¹¹ Cor. 9:17—For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of *the gospel* is committed unto me.

The dispensation of *the gospel* was given to Paul during this moment in New Testament history. This moment is known as the Apostolic Church Age. It represents a specific time or moment in history.

¹² Eph. 1:10—That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gospel, in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him: . . .

This gospel, begins when the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem appear in Revelation chapters 21, 22

¹³ Eph. 3:2-7—If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

The dispensation of time reflected here is the Apostolic Church Age when many of the Gentiles heard and responded to Paul's gospel, and many were saved.

¹⁴ Col. 1:25, 26—Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; 26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: . . .

Whereas the mystery of Christ and his grace was hid in times past, this verse is telling the audience that when God came down in human flesh, this window of time would disclose the mystery which should be revealed, especially to the Gentiles.

Rejection of Dispensationalist Teaching Leads to:

1. **GLOSSOLALIA OR GIBBERISH**—The gift of tongues were known human languages. How do you think Paul spread the gospel into foreign lands? What is passed off as tongues has been proven by linguists as mere vocal nonsense.
2. **APOSTOLIC AND CONTEMPORARY CHURCHES EQUAL**—This has led to a rejection of biblical authority with the belief that the church is still “the pillar and ground of the truth” (I Tim. 3:15). Protestants criticizing Rome for her popes and magisterium are hypocrites as they place an inordinate and unbiblical trust in their pastors, ministers, Greek and Hebrew ‘experts,’ and seminarian graduates. This destructive belief has led to many falling under the spell of sorcery with its attendant bewitching. This has conditioned many with the social memory complex of religious collectivism (Gen. 11:6— “Behold, the people *is* one”). This is not biblical liberty but slavery and blind devotion to human authority. Embrace scripture and our country’s Constitution!
3. **THE OFFICE OF APOSTLE STILL EXISTS**—The office ceased when the last apostle, John, died in 99-100 A.D. Anyone teaching that this office or that a church is apostolic in its authority, beware!
4. **THE OFFICE OF PROPHET STILL EXISTS**—This false teaching implies that God’s word is not complete—God is still adding to his word . . . Dangerous, dangerous, dangerous!
5. **THE OFFICE OF PASTOR STILL EXISTS**—While not mentioned in the list from I Cor. 12:28, Paul mentions it in Eph. 4:11. Though this office was given authority during the Apostolic Church Age, once scripture was completed, this authority would give way to the completed, inerrant scriptures.
6. **THE BELIEF THAT ALL THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE STILL IN EFFECT**—Take note:
 - i. **Word of wisdom** (still operational)—Should we encounter someone dispensing the word of wisdom, it will be consistent with scripture and never contradict God’s word
 - ii. **Word of knowledge** (still operational)—Should we encounter someone dispensing the word of knowledge, it will be consistent with scripture and never contradict God’s word
 - iii. **Gift of faith** (still operational)—Without faith it is impossible to please God! The Englishman who championed orphanages, Georg Mueller, was quite an example.
 - iv. **Gifts of healing**, yes. The apostolic laying on of hands type of healing, NO! The elders’ laying on of hands (Yes . . . If they accept that God might not heal) **Miraculous healing** (Yes . . . This is usually independent of any human influence or direct human intervention.)
 - v. **The working of miracles** (still operational)—The source is key. Miracles come directly from God, while human agents can augment this process. Signs, wonders, and miracles defy physical laws, cannot be duplicated by man, and reveal a divine author and source

- vi. Prophecy (absolutely NOT!)—God’s revelation to man as we have it in the completed, inerrant scriptures cannot be added to. You see why a rejection of dispensationalist teaching is anathema!
- vii. Discerning of spirits (operational, but in short supply) —Without the Spirit’s indwelling, we become a walking bullseye for satanic, as well as man’s deceptions.
- viii. Tongues and interpretation of tongues (when scripture was completed this gift and select others disappeared)¹⁵ —While the quick acquisition of a foreign language by an individual can be quite remarkable, New Testament tongues speaking was imparted to the individual supernaturally without the need of tedious book work, learning, repetition, and cultural immersion. This knowledge became instantaneous and was immediate much like Bezaleel and Aholiab’s knowledge of sacred fixture fashioning and tabernacle construction in the Old Testament.

Diversities of operations

- ❖ Teachers of the word (still in operation)—While this important operational office carries with it a degree of respect, the teacher’s authority comes from the faithful proclamation of the inerrant word

Diversities of administrations

- ❖ Helps or hospitality (operational)—Natural affection visibly demonstrated toward the brethren and those without the church
- ❖ Governments (operational)—This diversity enables God’s body, within a clearly defined group or assembly of believers, to function effectively and efficiently. It is the operational objective of the government to make sure the body’s unity comes from the Holy Spirit and the inerrant word of God. If this template is not followed this operation devolves quickly into a collectivist, tyrannical operation. Those founders of our country that were Christian, understood the danger of running a republic without Bible parameters.

¹⁵ I Cor. 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

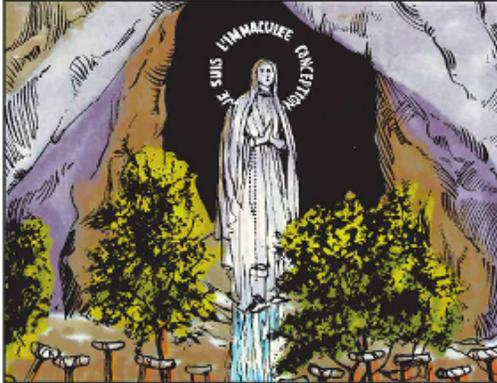
wisdom—God’s ideal for man. This can only be attained by the Holy Spirit’s indwelling and filling the believer; however, as sinners saved by grace, we usually have to endure his chastening and brokenness for Providence to accomplish his will.

understanding—The inseparable link between wisdom and knowledge. Acceptance of God’s will for one’s life leads to personal understanding, which is crucial if knowledge is ever to be achieved.

knowledge—The experience of understanding is what brings us to the plateau of knowledge. Without tribulation, suffering, experimentation, heartache, disappointment, along with trial and error, we can never know triumph, peace, contentment, and happiness

In the last days before Jesus comes, Satan will use miracles to deceive the world. This will be done with seducing spirits and lying wonders. (Matt. 24:24)

When I was still a Jesuit priest, I visited Lourdes in France. I saw a miracle take place. A man with a leg missing from his knee down, was placed in the water...



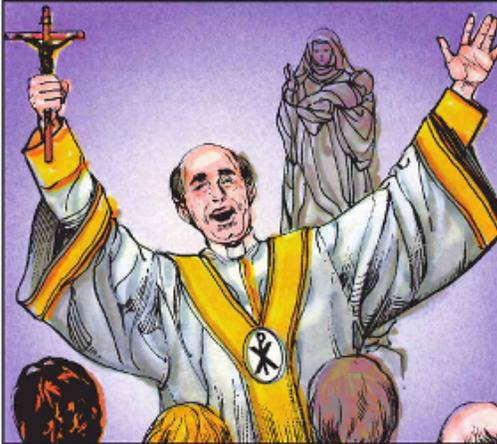
and with my own eyes, I saw his leg grow like a ball of flesh moving down until it formed a foot, with toes. He stood up and walked. And he gave all the glory to the Virgin Mary.

And the crowds went wild, not knowing that the spirits of devils can also work miracles.

(Matt. 7:21-23)

(Rev. 16:14)

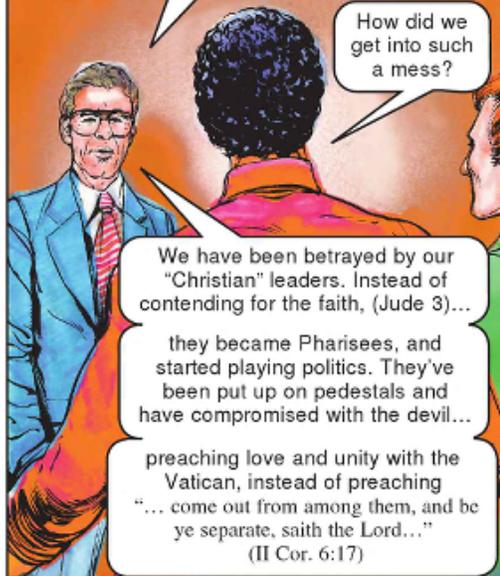
Even among those claiming to be Bible believing fundamentalists or evangelicals, many are joining or supporting dialogue and unity with Rome.* **The Force** can be seen working through popular new priests holding healing meetings. *1 John 2:18,19



Charismatics swoon as these priests of Baal hold up the symbol of the occult (the crucifix) and 'healings' take place with an idol of Semiramis in the background holding the sun-god in her arms.

Jesus said: "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:24)

The Force is moving through the Charismatic Movement to the delight of the Vatican.



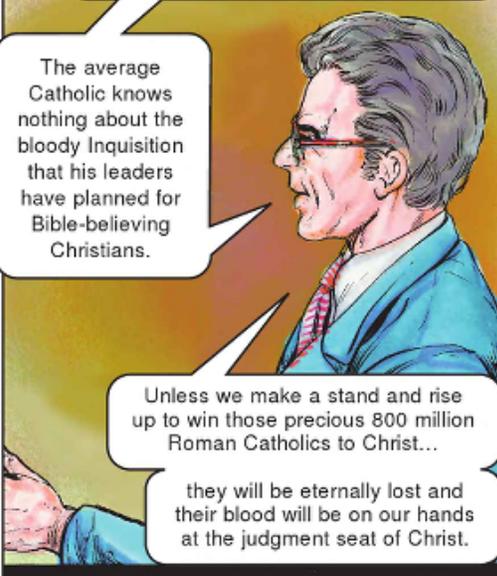
How did we get into such a mess?

We have been betrayed by our "Christian" leaders. Instead of contending for the faith, (Jude 3)...

they became Pharisees, and started playing politics. They've been put up on pedestals and have compromised with the devil...

preaching love and unity with the Vatican, instead of preaching "... come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord..." (II Cor. 6:17)

Pastors can no longer sit on the fence. By avoiding this subject, they have become the servants of the Vatican.



The average Catholic knows nothing about the bloody Inquisition that his leaders have planned for Bible-believing Christians.

Unless we make a stand and rise up to win those precious 800 million Roman Catholics to Christ...

they will be eternally lost and their blood will be on our hands at the judgment seat of Christ.