

Lecture 8 – The Biblical Storyline (cont.)

“He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.” 1 John 3:8

Key Terms

Grace, *shalom*, redemption, reconciliation, renewal, salvation, regeneration, consummation

Objectives

*Identify and explain the biblical language for redemption.

*Explore the implications of this language for Christian life and ministry.

The Biblical Storyline

IV. Redemption (Grace)

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A. Grace is directed toward sin. Its goal is removal and restoration: the removal of sin and the restoration of creation. Grace is restorational.

B. The biblical language of redemption

1. *Shalom*

2. Redemption

3. Reconciliation

4. Renewal

5. Salvation

6. Regeneration

C. Who is the God with whom we have to do?

D. The extent of God's gracious intention: “As far as the curse doth reach” (Isaac Watts)

V. Consummation

A. The goal of redemption: the recreation of the cosmos into the kingdom of God

Matthew 19:28 (παλιγγενησια)

B. The humanization of man

“God's honor consists precisely in the fact that he redeems and renews the same humanity, the same world, the same heaven, and the same earth that have been corrupted and polluted by sin. Just as anyone in Christ is a new creation in whom the old has passed away and everything has become new (2 Corinthians 5:17), so this world passes away in its present form as well, in order that out of its womb, at God's word of power, to give birth and being to a new world. Just as in the case of an individual human being, so at the end of time a rebirth of the world will take place as well (Matthew 19:28).” Herman Bavinck

C. The incarnation and the resurrection are crucial for our understanding of the meaning and trajectory of redemption.

VI. Conclusion: Two Questions, One a Narrowing of the Story, the Other a Broadening

A. The pietistic reduction of redemption to man

B. The universalist broadening to a redemption of all men

Questions & Answers