

# God is...Redeemer

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Rom 3:20-25

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. 21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood...

To understand God as our Redeemer,  
first we need to understand that...

## I. WE ARE A BROKEN PEOPLE IN NEED OF REDEMPTION

v. 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 6:21, 23

21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!  
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Secondly, to understand God as our Redeemer,  
we must understand that...

## 2. OBSERVING THE LAW DOESN'T "GET 'ER DONE"

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And lastly, to understand God as our Redeemer,  
we must understand that...

## 3. WE ARE MADE WHOLE BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

v. 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood...

JUSTIFIED:

- "Just-as-if" you've never sinned

REDEEMED:

- to free from captivity by payment of ransom

ATONEMENT:

- reconciliation of God and mankind

CONCLUSION:

Gal 3:13

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

We must recognize our REDEMPTION BEGINS TODAY!

"Praise the Lord, Oh my soul." [He] "redeems your life from the pit." (Psa 103)

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!