

# NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH PREP SCHOOL LESSON

## WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

### Part Two

In part one we learned that what God wants every Christian to know is the truth about salvation. The Bible uses big words to explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ and, since they are in the Bible, it is our responsibility to both understand them and share them with others. The first word we learned was “redemption”. Jesus Christ redeemed (paid for, paid off the debt for) His children on the cross with His blood. We were bought by God with the blood of Christ, freed from our slavery to sin, and the debt owed to Him for our sin was paid. Wow! Hard to believe there is even more that was done for us! Get ready to have your minds blown with our next word.

The work of Jesus Christ on the cross also provided for our justification. Justification is defined as “*the action of declaring or making righteous (free from guilt or sin)*”. Since God's children are redeemed, the debt from sin was paid, they are freed from the guilt of sin in God's eyes. He sees His children as righteous.

**Romans 5:8-9 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!”**

You may be wondering how you became a sinner in the first place and why it is that you even need to be saved from sin. Have you heard the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Well, they were the first two people God created. They lived in a perfect environment and were created sinless (cool, huh?). They were given one command to follow and if they obeyed that command, they would remain sinless, living in the perfect environment of the Garden with God forever. They were commanded to not eat from one tree out of all the trees in the Garden.

**Genesis 2:16-17 “And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’”**



Unfortunately, Adam and Eve did not obey God and ate from the tree. So, they died spiritually (were separated from God) and kicked out of the perfect environment.

**Genesis 3:23-24 “So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”**

Adam and Eve were now no longer sinless and needed to be saved from their sin. Are you wondering what all of this this has to do with you? You were not in the Garden so you did not disobey God and eat from that tree. Why should you be born a sinner because of their sin? How is that fair? To understand the answers to these questions, you need to understand some truths about God. The Bible tells us that our Lord is perfect, fair, and knows everything about everything.

**Deuteronomy 32:4 “He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.”**

**Psalm 147:5 “Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.”**

So, God knows that we ALL would have disobeyed His command if we were the first created people. How could He know this? Well, like the verse above states, there is no limit to what He knows. Since He is perfect and fair and never does anything wrong, we have to trust that whatever He decides is right. So, God decided that the sin of the first two people would be imputed (given to someone though caused by another) to every single person born.

Here is another truly amazing thing that God decided. He decided make a way to save His children. When we repent of our sin and believe on the person and work of Jesus Christ, we are “born again” (**John 3:3**). Just as sin was imputed to us upon our physical birth because of Adam’s failure, righteousness is imputed to believers upon their spiritual birth because of Jesus’ victory.

**Romans 5:18-19 “Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”**

So far in our study we have learned about God, how He knows everything and is perfectly fair. We have learned that all people are born sinners and need to be saved from sin. We have learned that believers are redeemed and justified- no longer owing a debt to God for sin, or a slave to sin, or unrighteous in God’s eyes.

This is a lot to take in. Take some time, reread these lessons, pray, and think about what you have learned so far. Above all, make sure to take time every day to thank God for His grace and mercy in saving us from the penalty, power, and presence of sin.

**Psalm 103:2-4 “Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion”**