**Factors of Communion with Christ**

**Blood of Christ**

1. Propitiation – Rom 5:8-10 \* 6. Reconciliation – Col 1:20-22
2. Forgiveness – Eph 1:7 \* 7. Sanctification – Heb 13:12
3. Redemption – 1Pet 1:18 8. New Covenant – 1Cor 11:24
4. Cleansing – 1Jn 1:7 9. Victory in the Angelic Conflict – Rev 12:10-12
5. Peace with God – Rom 5:1

**The Doctrine of Redemption**

**Deut 15:15 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.**

**Concept:**

***John 8:31-36*** *Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; 32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that you say, 'You shall become free '?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. 35 "And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

* The Jewish leaders were delusional – they were enslaved to Rome and their false religious customs
* Jesus explains real freedom to them, freedom from the penalty of sin that would give them eternal life

1. **Definition & Description**: **ἐξαγοράζω**: ***exagoradzo, lutroo –*** to make a payment in order to recover someone from the capture & power of another, to pay a ransom, metaphorically, of Christ freeing men from the dominion of the Mosaic law at the price of his vicarious death.

**Gal 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.

**Gal 4:4-5** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, **5** so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

1. Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) caused him to become unrighteous and unacceptable to the Justice of God
2. The bible describes our -R status behind the barrier as being imprisoned in the slave market of sin.

**Jn 8:34** *Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.*

***Rom6:16*** *Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?*

1. AOS & it’s results were imputed to all mankind causing every human being to be born as a slave to sin
2. **Christ paid the ransom price for sin on the cross purchasing our positional freedom the price of sin**

***Psalm 34:22*** *The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, none who take refuge in Him will be condemned.*

***Gal 3:13*** *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.*

***1 Peter 1:18*** *knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*

1. The purchase price or His blood refers to the work of Christ bearing our sins on the cross.
2. **The ransom price paid on the cross satisfies the judicial requirements of God’s righteousness and is applied to us when we believe in Christ as our savior.**
3. Having applied the price of redemption to our personal account, God is free to bless us in other ways.
4. Redemption is associated with adoption as sons Gal 4:4-6

* God adopts us into His family as adult sons with grace assets (Holy Spirit) & privileges (priesthood)

1. Redemption opens the door to forgiveness – Eph 1:7, Col 1:14

***Eph 1:7*** *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace;* ***Col 1:14*** *in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

1. Redemption is the basis for justification – Rom 3:24

***Rom 3:24*** *being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*

1. **Only a free man can buy a slave out of the slave market.**
2. Everyone but Jesus Christ is born into slavery to sin

***Psalm 51:5*** *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.*

1. The virgin birth allowed Jesus to bypass AOS causing him to be born outside of the slave market **Isa 7:14**
2. Christ was free from the slavery of sin in His birth and remained free by living sinless – 2Cor 5:21

***2 Cor 5:21*** *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him* – God-Father imputed our sin to Christ on the cross and His righteousness to all who believe

1. Having paid the ransom to free all of the prisoners, Christ removed the gate to the prison so that whosoever chooses to believe in Him is freed from the judicial consequences of sin.

***Luke 4:18*** *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives (redemption), And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are downtrodden*

1. **Knowing & trusting that we are redeemed can give us assurance that we are secure in Christ forever and that we will be with Him in the resurrection.**

***Job 19:25-26*** *“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. 26 “Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God;* ***26*** *“Even after my skin is destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God;*

1. As Job says this he is under terrible pressure from the devil’s attacks on his family, his health & from his “friends” who have yet to understand the principle of suffering for the sake of Christ.
2. Job, knowing the Messiah was going to come & pay for his sins (redemption) & that because he believed in Him that he would be with Christ in eternity in a resurrection body.
3. **The idea of redemption is also applied to the believer’s daily life and the use of time.**

**Redeem** – rescue from being captive to our sin patterns

***Eph 5:15-16*** *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,* ***16*** *redeeming your time, because the days are evil. –* rescue your habitual use of your time from sinful habits to use wisely

***Col 4:5*** *Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most (redeeming) of the opportunity.*

1. Our habitual sin patterns cause us to waste our time through laziness and distraction by the world
2. It is imperative that we grow out of the temptation to become “thorny soil” distracted by the cares and worries of daily living in the devil’s world.

***Mat 13:22*** *"And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*

**Cleansing – Purification**

1. **Cleansing from sin is viewed in 3 categories**
2. Positional – We are entered into union with Christ & share His purity & righteousness 1Cor 12:13
3. Practical – Cleansing from personal sins as we live out our earthly lives – 1Jn 1:9
4. Permanent – Sharing the purity of Christ in our resurrection bodies in eternity
5. **Old Testament Shadow Christology practiced blood & water cleansing rituals that were metaphors portraying the future literal cleansing to be accomplished by the work of Christ on the cross.**

***Ex 29:36*** *"Each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall purify the altar (with the blood of the sacrificial animal) when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to consecrate it.*

***Lev 16:19*** *the high priest, with his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times, and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it.*

1. Part of the purpose of the Mosaic Law was to teach that sin is unrighteous and is unacceptable to the righteousness of God – clean & unclean

***Lev 10:9-10*** *"Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die-- it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations* ***10*** *and so as to make a distinction between the holy and the unholy, and between the unclean and the clean*

1. God called some animals clean & therefore acceptable to eat; others He called unclean and even if they were touched, dead or alive, they would make the person unclean.
2. The animals were not inherently unacceptable to God but He used those designations to teach the absolutes of righteousness and unrighteousness.
3. **The actual work of Christ on the cross cleanses the believer positionally from the effects of AOS.**

***Acts 15:8-9*** *"And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them (Gentiles) the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us (Jews);* ***9*** *and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.*

***Titus 3:5*** *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit*

***Eph 5:25-26*** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,* ***26*** *so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

1. At the point of salvation, the moment that we believe in Christ as our Savior, we are entered into a permanent union with Christ (eternal position), eliminating every aspect of Adam’s sin.

***1 Cor 12:13*** *for by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

1. In Christ, having been cleansed from all of the effects of Adam’s sin, we share all the Christ is and all that He possesses forever.

* He is a priest – we are priests; He is royalty – we are Royal Family of God

1. **After salvation, believer can technically never sin again but all believer do sin and must be cleansed from the effects of unrighteousness to regain fellowship with the Holy Spirit – 1Jn 1:5 – 2:2**
2. At the moment of salvation, the new believer is placed in the sphere of the Spirit – fellowship
3. Remaining in the Spirit or in fellowship with Him requires that we not commit personal sins.
4. When we choose to commit a personal sin, taking our life out of God’s hands and deciding to conduct it our own way, we lose fellowship with the Holy Spirit

* Mental – sins we think: anger, bitterness, hatred, fear, worry, jealousy, envy
* Sins Tongue – lying, harsh words & tones, gossip, maligning
* Overt – sins of the body: fornication, attacking, murder

1. **Spiritual growth: learning the categories of God’s word, using biblical concepts to recognize & be cleansed of false ideas in our heart and then place biblical concepts in their place to be applied to life**

***Eph 4:22-24*** *that, in reference to your former manner of life, you* ***lay aside the old self****, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be* ***renewed in the spirit of your mind****, 24 and* ***put on the new self****, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

* Lay aside – ***apotithemi*** – take off layers of old ideas we developed from the kosmic system
* Renewed in your mind – learning all the categories of bible doctrines
* Put on – ***enduo*** – put on layers of divine truth, layer upon layer
* **Erase** the old man ideas; **Replace** the old man ideas with Christ ideas; **Embrace** the New Man ideas

***2 Cor. 7:1*** *therefore, having these promises (New Man ideas), beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

1. Cleansing Self – removing all beliefs & ideas that do not originate with God – defilement

* Cleansing self is the same idea as taking off old man beliefs

1. Perfecting holiness – maturing in the use of righteous beliefs & ideas

* Learning and growing to a mature status & capacity to trust/obey the Lord in daily life.

**Doctrine of Sanctification**

***1 Peter 1:1-2*** *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen* ***2*** *according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.*

**Vs 1** ***eklektos*** – to the elected or chosen ones; synonym for saved ones; the chosen (bel’s) scattered among the nations are in Peter’s mind as he writes

* *Christ is God’s chosen one –* Lk 28:35; Cornerstone of God’s building 1Pt 2:6
* Bel’s are chosen in Christ – Eph 1:4 He chose us in Him before the world

**Vs 2** acc to foreknowledge of GF – GF knew who would trust in Christ when they heard the gospel of salvation – those who trust in the Chosen One become chosen ones.

**Foreknowledge** – God’s total knowledge all that will come to pass in angelic and human history

**Act 2:23** – Christ nailed/cross acc to the predetermined plan & foreknowledge of GF

**Vs 2** ***en + hagiosmos*** + ***pneuma*** – by the sanctification of the Holy Spirit

***Hagiosmos*** – purification, dedication, consecration, set apart for service

**Doctrine of Sanctification**

1. The Hebrew ***qadash***, Greek noun ***hagios*** & verb ***hagiozo*** = sanctification.
   1. The root meaning of these words is **to purify** and **set something aside for God’s use.**

***Exo 13:2*** *"Sanctify (separated out) to me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to me."*

* + - 1st born of man and animals were ceremonially purified & separated out for God’s use
  1. When someone/thing has been sanctified it is free from impurity – pure, holy
  2. Once purified the person or thing is suitable for God to use for His purposes.
  3. Purification frees us from sin/evil allowing God to work through us.

***Hagiazo*** Verb– to purify, sanctify, consecrate, make holy, dedicate, set apart for service.

***Hagios*** Noun - saint, holiness, pure, upright, spiritual maturity

* 1. All believers are called ***hagios*** – saints: the term for the church is ***ekklesia*** – those called out of the world

1. **Sanctification occurs in 3 phases**.

**Positional** – union with Christ 1Cor 1:2, 30; 6:11 – washed, sanctified, justified

***1 Cor 1:2*** *To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:*

**Experiential** – Spiritual growth to maturity – Rom 6:19; 1Thes 4:3-5; 1Jn 3:3; Jn 17:17

***Rom 12:2*** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**Ultimate** – believer in eternity – 1Jn 3:1-2; 1Cor 15:51-57

***2 Cor 5:6-8*** *Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord* ***7*** *for we walk by faith, not by sight* ***8*** *we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*

1. All 3 phases of sanctification are grace gifts from the Lord based on the work/Christ.

***Acts 20:32*** *"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

1. All 3 phases of sanctification involve purification from sin and evil - 2Tim 2:20-21 cleansed & ready for use

***2 Cor 7:1*** *therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

1. All 3 phases of sanctification involve being set apart for service to the Lord - Ex 13:2; 2Tim 2:21

***2 Tim 2:21*** *Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.*

1. **Positional Sanctification (PS)** – complete forgiveness, cleansing, holiness
   1. Mechanics: 1Cor 12:13 Baptism of Holy Spirit placing the believer into permanent union with Christ

***1 Cor 12:13*** *for by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

* 1. Positional sanctification is permanent, securing both carnal & spiritual believers – **1Cor 1:2, 30**
  2. Positional sanctification guarantees eternal security for the believer – **Rom 8:38-39**
  3. Positional sanctification is completed in total at salvation – **Heb 10:10** perfect periphrastic
  4. Positional sanctification fully forgives all the believer’s sin – **1Jn 2:12** – perfect tense of ***aphiemi***
  5. Positional sanctification fully cleanses believers positionally – **Tit 3:5, Act 15:8-9**
  6. Positional sanctification produces the new spiritual species – **2Cor 5:17**

1. **Experiential Sanctification** **(ES)** – progressive - spiritual growth unto maturity
   1. God’s training program – yields peaceful fruit of experiential +R - **Heb 12:5-10**
   2. Transformation – no influence from world, transformed by renewing mind - **Rom 12:2**
   3. Cleansing ourselves from defilement of flesh/spirit perfecting holiness - **2Cor 7:1**
   4. Erase – Replace – Embrace: take off old belief-behaviors – put on the NM holy like God **Eph 4:22-24**
   5. Believers using spiritual gifts effecting spiritual growth – **Eph 5:15-16, Col 2:19**
2. Pos sanctification resolves all judicial issues – justification
3. While position is pure in Christ, we remain experientially dominated by our old worldly habits
4. Experiential sanctification involves being purified from OM beliefs & behaviors – take off
5. Experiential sanctification replaces worldly beliefs & behaviors with biblical beliefs & behaviors
6. The result of experiential sanctification is growth unto maturity – not perfection
7. Means of experiential sanctification – perceive truth, metabolize by faith, application by faith
8. **Ultimate Sanctification (US)** – Life in eternity with God
   1. God chose us to be in His presence holy (sanctified) & blameless - **Eph 1:4**

***Eph 1:4*** *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love.*

* 1. Holy, blameless, above reproach – made perfect by God’s grace - Col 1:22
  2. Keep you from falling, present you blameless in His presence, with joy Jude - 1:24
  3. When He appears we will be like Him – resurrection body - 1Jn 3:1-2
  4. Defeated death through the resurrection – spiritual body forever - 1Cor 15
  5. GHS will be with us forever – indwell our resurrection body - Jn 14:16

1. **Agents of sanctification – God’s grace**

GF - 1Thes 4:3 – GF’s will is that we be sanctified

GS – Heb 10:10-14 – the sacrifice of Christ is the basis of our sanctification

GHS – 1Pt 1:2 – the actual agent who purifies us and enables us to grow spiritually

Truth – Jn 17:17 – Sanctify them by truth – gospel = salvation; BD = maturity

*At salvation, God resolves all judicial issues, purifies us and sets us apart to be used. In CWL we grow into purity so that we can be used to glorify God in the A/C.*