

Redeemed for What?

Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 15:53-58

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:58) What should that “labor” look like?

Let’s consider what we have learned over the last 4 lessons in this study on redemption and identify what our right response to being redeemed ought to be.

The following are biblical truths we have studied related to redemption accomplished through Christ Jesus.

1. We have been completely forgiven – the debt of our sin has been fully paid. How does the truth of the forgiveness we have received affect the ways in which we forgive ourselves and others?
2. The judgment against us (the law) has been completely settled. Given that we are no longer being judged against the requirements of the law set forth before the coming of Christ, what judgment are we to exercise while living this life?
3. The last enemy, death, has been destroyed and we are promised the full redemption of our mortal bodies. Realizing our “mortal bodies will one day put on immortality,” how might this truth affect how we presently care for our bodies, as well as look forward to bodies that will be imperishable? How should the promise of eternal life affect how we live today?
4. All creation will be redeemed as God promises “to make all things new.” Considering that “creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay,” how should this promise affect how we care for God’s good creation now?