

4-14-2024 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Luke 21:25-28

Title: **The Day of Redemption Jesus Spoke to his disciples**

When the Apostle Paul testified about the redemption of Christians to the saints who were being persecuted in Rome, he spoke of the redemption of the body. The redemption of the body refers to putting off the sinful body of God's children who are suffering in the sinful body. Once upon a time, King David prayed to God for the redemption of his body when his soul was tormented by the body of sin:

"My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word".(Psalm 119:25)

He testified that one day on the day of resurrection, he lived in hope, looking forward to the day of the redemption of his body, when he would be put off of his sinful body and transformed into the image of Christ:

" As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."(Psalm 17:15)

All those who are born into the world are living in the curse because of the sin of the first man, and all other creations are living in pain because of the sins of man. However, when we live in a sinful body and realize that we were born as sinners, repent, and believe the gospel of Christ, the spirit that was dead because of Adam's sin is revived. At this time, the end of faith is the salvation of the soul (1

Peter 1:9). However, they still live in the body of sin and suffer in spirit and soul because of the body of sin.

However, God has made it possible for God's children who believe the gospel and receive the Lord Jesus Christ to live according to the Holy Spirit without being controlled by the sinful body through the circumcision of Christ, which put off the body of sin in spirit and soul, even though they live in the body of sin through the power of God's word. The Apostle Paul testified about Christ's circumcision:

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:¹¹ In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:"Colossians 2:9-11)

The Apostle Paul testified of how God's Word performs the circumcision of Christ in believers:

" For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."(Hebrews 4:12)

When God saw that man, who had been created perfectly in the image and likeness of God, had lost the image of God through the Trinity of the Spirit, soul, and body created by

God, He wanted to restore the spirit, soul, and body of man to His image. Because of this, God Himself appeared in the world as likeness of a sinner and imputed all the sins in man and the sins of the world to Himself, and became a sacrifice for sinners.

For this reason, according to the Bible, Christ shed His blood on the cross for our sins, was buried, and resurrected on the third day, taking away the sins in those who believed in the gospel of Christ's grace, and giving the Holy Spirit, the breath of God's life, to revive the spirit and save the soul in the sinful body. In this way, the spirits are born again and the souls are saved, and God's adopted children will be changed into an incorruptible body when the Lord Jesus Christ comes, even the sinful body that will die will be changed into an incorruptible body. In the end, the redemption of the body will be accomplished on the day of the rapture, the day of Christ. At this time, we are restored to the image and likeness of God.

The Apostle Paul testified of how eager the Christians and all creation are to live in anticipation of this day:

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.²³ And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."(Romans 8:22-23)

In this way, we can see that the salvation of sinners by grace through the gospel is accomplished in three stages: the salvation of spirit, soul, and body, and on the day of the

rapture when the redemption of the body is accomplished, they will be restored to the image of God forever by putting on an immortal and incorruptible body.

The Bible says that we have been sanctified by offering the body of Jesus Christ once for all according to His will (Hebrews 10:10). Not only that, but by a single sacrifice He made those who had been sanctified perfect forever (Hebrews 10:14).

When Jesus said to his disciples, "Your redemption draws nigh," he was referring to the nearness of the rapture and tribulation as they saw the signs of the end times:

" And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.²⁷ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.²⁹ And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;³⁰ When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.³¹ So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.³² Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.³³ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."(Luke 21:25-33)

Amen! Hallelujah!