

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about the Second Article of The Apostles' Creed *

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil - not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death - in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

174 How has Christ redeemed you?

Christ has redeemed me by paying for my sins with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; and by fulfilling the law in my place by His perfect life and complete obedience.

1 Peter 1:18-19 ... knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

175 What does the word redeem mean?

The word *redeem* means *to buy back* or *to set someone free by paying a ransom*.

176 Who were the ones Jesus Christ redeemed?

He has redeemed all people, including me, a lost and condemned sinner.

1 John 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

177 Even though you are redeemed in this way, may you be eternally lost?

Yes, I may be eternally lost if I reject, neglect, or ignore Christ's redemption.

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Hebrews 2:1,3 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ... how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard ...

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

A Verse to Remember

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3 ESV

* in the *Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism*.

