

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Arise, O Sleeper (Eph 5:14)

PM Sermon:

No Room Left

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Judges – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Book of John – R. Earl

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KOTV- TV 6
Sunday mornings at 8:00 am

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The High Cost of Salvation

The Ransom Price Paid for Redemption

By Jeremy Northrop

Mark 10:45 says, *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”* Webster defines ransom as “a consideration paid or demanded for the release of someone or something from captivity.” In a spiritual sense, Jesus releases man from the captivity of sin. One might say they do not feel like they are in captivity or bondage. Another might say they did not know Jesus was a ransom given for their redemption. However, in consideration of certain biblical truths, one can most definitely say Jesus is a ransom offered so mankind can have spiritual freedom from the guilt of sin.

Romans 3:23 says, *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* Sin is defined in scripture in many ways: (1) doing something in any motivation except for faith is sin (Romans 14:23); (2) not doing what a person knows he or she should be doing is sin (James 4:17); (3) breaking God’s law is sin (1 John 3:4); and (4) all unrighteousness is sin (1 John 4:16). The point of focus in Romans 3:23 is not necessarily what sin is but rather all men have sinned. There is not a person in this world that has not transgressed the law of God in one way or another. Now, in Romans 6:23, Paul says, *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* This brings to light the idea that everyone is in bondage to sin. Sin leads to death — eternal death — or eternal separation from God. The debt of sin is death.

The good news is the debt of sin has been paid. Someone has died in place of every man. God sent His Son into the world so that everyone can be saved (John 3:16). The writer of the book of Hebrews said, *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone”* (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus went to the cross and died so no one else would have to pay the debt of sin. More than that, He gave up equality with God so every person who has ever lived on earth would have the opportunity of salvation or reconciliation with God (Philippians 2:5-11). ***This is what Jesus did for you! What will you do for Jesus?***

“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).