

REDEEMED

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Redeeming the Church

Romans 6:11-14; 12:1-6

¹¹*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
¹²*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.*
¹³*Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.* ¹⁴*For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.* **Romans 6:11-14**

Why offer yourself to God as an instrument?

- You have been **REDEEMED**.
- You **REMEMBER** your former life.
- You are **THANKFUL** for grace.

¹*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship.* ²*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...* ⁴*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,* ⁵*so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* ⁶*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us...* **Romans 12:4-6**

Christ's Church Is Redeemed When:

- **PARTS** come together.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

» Identifying Barriers to Our Serving:

- 1) We don't realize **GOD'S GRACE** for us.
- 2) We don't realize the church is Christ's **BODY**.
- 3) We don't realize our **PART**.
- 4) We don't realize the **NEED**.

³⁰*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'* ³¹*The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* *There is no commandment greater than these."* **Mark 12:30-31**

● **We share HOPE.**

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:13-16**

» **Identifying Barriers to Our Sharing:**

- 1) **We don't know GOD'S GRACE for us.**
- 2) **We don't know the PURPOSE.**
- 3) **We don't know HOW.**
- 4) **We don't know WHERE.**

● **We dispense LOVE.**



¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. **2 Corinthians 5:15-16**

Do you consider ministry a MOMENT or a MOVEMENT?

The Church REDEEMED

November	Continuing Romans/Preparing for BIG
THANKS	
Nov. 9 & 16	Your Gift of Grace & Your Love-Ability
Nov. 23	<i>Discovery's BIG THANKS</i>
Nov. 30	Community Service
December	<i>All We Want For Christmas:</i>
	The Gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy & Good Will

This week, explore the inserted Life Group study and consider the following questions: How are you living as one REDEEMED? What is God's purpose in your life? What is the purpose of Christ's church?

	Going Deeper	
Our Personal Daily Study Guide		