

Lesson 10

Jesus Makes Us His Own

Bible Lesson: Luke 15:3-10, Isaiah 43:1

Memory Verse: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!”
Isaiah 43:1b

Enrichment Memory Verse: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” *John 10:10-11*

Catechism Memory Work: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; . . .
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 me 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, . . .

TEACHER PREPARATION

Prepare to Teach:

✠ This section in progress.

Prepare Materials:

Along with the regular materials needed for class, you will need the following items for this lesson:

- ◆ Quarter-long project materials (listed in Introductory section): for this, Lesson 10, have the students add onto last week's message the following: "in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom"

Prayer Preparation

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BIBLE BACKGROUND

A. Bible Study

You will often hear people say, usually trying to be encouraging or uplifting, “I believe that people are basically good.” It might sound nice, but this is a sentiment that is foreign to the Scriptures. The problem that we often have is that we like to compare ourselves to others and not to God’s holy and perfect law. When we compare ourselves to others in this way we might think we look pretty good. According to the law, there are none that are good or righteous, not one of us (Romans 3:10, 12). The Bible says that we are lost and enemies of God in our natural, “default” position. We are dead in our sins and called children of wrath without Christ. (Ephesians 2)

The astounding news given to the sinner, broken and humbled by the Law, is that the Son of God came to make the lost His own children (I John 3). He calls us and gathers us to Himself through the means He has provided through the Word and Sacraments. We will examine this more thoroughly in the lessons on the 3rd Article.

To be “His own” means to be safe and secure. To be His means to be assured that are sins truly are forgiven and that we can rest in His finished work. It is often the case that we will be led to examine our feelings to see if this is true. This a dangerous and destructive activity. Our feelings go up and down and are undependable. What is dependable? The objective work of Jesus Christ at the Cross. There the price of ownership was paid. It is God’s inspired and inerrant Word that clearly speaks of this and attaches promises to His means of grace. The Bible, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper are gifts of God through which He conveys His grace to us; they are His

means. The Gospel comes to us through these things so that we need not rely on experience but on the sure promises of God.

In the ancient world, the pagan gods were often depicted as using people as their tools or playthings to get what they wanted. In those depictions the people were pawns moved about by the varying whims of the gods. When considering the 1st Article of the Creed we were reminded of God's claim of ownership over us as His special creation. In the 2nd Article we have been thinking of God's claim of ownership because of the price of redemption He has paid. In the Creed, we confess that God's Word reveals Jesus Christ's desire to take the broken pots (Jeremiah 18) and make us His own. He does not treat us as tools or playthings but as his precious children. Jesus also makes clear that we are not called slaves but have been called friends (John 15:15). Our Savior and friend, Jesus Christ, has promised His friends that He will come back for them. He has gone to prepare a place for us but He will return in glory to take His friends to be with Him forever.

BEGINNING YOUR CLASS HOUR

Welcome

Open with Prayer

Recite Memory Work

Listen to students recite their memory work:

From the Bible: Isaiah 53:6

And

From the Catechism: And 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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead."

Add: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; . . . *What does this mean?*

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Review

Ask the following review questions:

Who said, "I don't find any wrong in Jesus?" (*Pilate*)

Who wanted Jesus to be crucified? (*His enemies, priests*)

What prophet said the Savior would be pierced for our sins? (*Isaiah*)

What did it cost Jesus to redeem us? (*His sufferings and death*)

Introduce Wall Words

parable—

livelihood—

hefts—

valuable—

persistently—

Introduce the Lesson

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Teach the Lesson

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APPLYING THE BIBLE LESSON

Memory Work

BIBLE VERSE— Isaiah 43:1b

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"

CATECHISM—READ

The Second Article of Redemption

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; . . .

What does this mean?

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Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought me 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, . . .

READ the catechism selection together. This is the part of the Second Article meaning that tells why Jesus redeemed us. **ASK** What are two reasons given here that tell us why Jesus redeemed us? (1. *In order that we might be His own*, 2. *Live under Him in His kingdom*.) To "live under Him" means that we accept His control over us. He is King in that kingdom and knows what is best for each one of us. He guides us and gives us commands that we will be happy to obey. We live with Him as our King. **REVIEW** the meaning of the Second Article and complete memorization.

Activity Pages

Activity 1— Lost and Found

ANSWERS

1. He leaves his 99 sheep to go after the one which was lost until he finds it. Because the sheep is his own.

2. To celebrate with him because he has found his one lost sheep.
3. She lights a lamp, sweeps the house and searches for it until she finds it. Because it is valuable and belongs to her.
4. To rejoice with her because she has made the coin hers again.
5. "one sinner who repents."
6. Have student answer
7. Have student answer
8. In baptism

Activity 2— Search and Find

ANSWERS

1. parable
2. redeemed
3. livelihood
4. persistently
5. valuable
6. abundantly
7. His Kingdom

CLOSING THE LESSON

Closing Prayer

Assignment

1. Remind your students to complete the lesson and practice saying the memory verse and catechism.
2. Remind your students to read in their Bibles and pray each day.