

Sermon #2: Like a Diamond

14 Sept 2025

BREAKING THE ICE

- Share a time when you were “rescued” or “saved” from a mistake or a bad situation? How did it feel?

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH

Read the Passages (Genesis 3:1-21; Exodus 12:5-7, 12-13; Ephesians 1:5-10; Hebrews 9:11-15, 26-28)

There is a lot of Scripture to read this week. The OT passages are part of narrative stories that provide important history of humanity’s fall into sin, its consequences and how God began His plan of redemption. The New Testament passages will show how God has completed this redemption in the Person of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 3:1-21

1. How does the story of Adam and Eve reveal the origin of humanity’s rebellion against God?
2. What was at the heart of Adam & Eve’s rebellion (vs 4-6)?
3. Summarize the consequences that came from Adam & Eve’s sin against God (vs 16-19)
4. How do God’s actions in verse 21 foreshadow the redemption He would provide?

Exodus 12:5-7, 12-13

5. How does the story of the Israelites exodus and the initiation of the Passover celebration foreshadow the redemption God would eventually provide in Jesus Christ?

Ephesians 1:5-10

6. According to verse 7-8, what all do we receive through Jesus’ blood?
7. What is the outcome of God’s redemptive plan according to vs 9-10?

Hebrews 9:11-15; 27-28

8. According to vs 11-15 how does Jesus Christ’s work of redemption compare to the Old Testament priestly sacrifices of redemption?
9. How do we uniquely see that Christ’s sacrifice for us is infinitely superior to an animal sacrifice in vs 27-28?

SEEING JESUS CHRIST

- From today’s passages, describe how you see all of history pointing to and culminating in the redemption of Jesus Christ and His plan for eternity?

MAKING IT MATTER

1. Most of us make too little of our sin in order to feel better about ourselves or we minimize God's grace and don't feel fully forgiven. Which one describes you?
2. Using what you learned today, discuss why the common statement, "I just can't forgive myself" isn't biblical or a healthy perspective. Come up with a better statement based on what we know to be true.
3. When we have a healthy perspective of the depth of our sin and the greater depth of God's grace, it allows us to share openly and authentically about our failures, sin and weaknesses. It also makes us open to correction from others. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being I reject both these concepts & 10 being perfection) how would you rate yourself? Why?
4. How would our church look different if we more fully embraced the redemption we have received in Jesus? Give some specific illustrations.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S POWER

"This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

When we pray according to God's will it engages the power and guidance of God to bring about our transformation. If we apply these things in our own strength, then it is just legalistic obedience. But, when we humbly ask God to change us and empower us according to His will and by His Spirit, it becomes transformational AND it glorifies God.

1. Ask people to share one key, specific application from today's lesson that they want God to bring about in their life. Then take time to pray for each other in these areas.