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Words of Welcome

Psalm 93:1-5 (ESV)

- 1 The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- 2 Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!
- 5 Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

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Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12 (ESV)

- 1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.
- 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.
- 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.
- 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.
- 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!
- 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.
- 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,
- 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
- 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.
- 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.
- 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?
- 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and ever more shalt be

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
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Ancient of Days

Verse 1:

Blessing and Honor
Glory and Power
Be unto the ancient of days
From every nation
All of creation
Bow before the ancient of days

Chorus:

Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted, oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
Oh ancient of days

Verse 2:

Oh blessing and Honor
Glory and Power
Be unto the ancient of days
From every nation
All of creation
Bow before the ancient of days

[repeat chorus]

Verse 3:

Our Lord! Your kingdom!
Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth
Sing unto the ancient of days
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
Sing unto the ancient of days

[repeat chorus]

Tag:

Oh Ancient of Days
Oh Ancient of Days

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Come Unto Jesus

Verse 1:

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal

Verse 2:

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light"

Chorus:

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens, He is enough
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love

Verse 3:

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters
Grace overflowing is yours evermore

Chorus:

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens, He is enough
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love

Verse 4:

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross
Life everlasting He offers to us

Tag:

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens, He is enough

[Repeat chorus 2x]

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New City Catechism

26: What Else Does Christ's Death Redeem?

Full Answer

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Children's Answer

Every part of fallen creation.

Scripture

COLOSSIANS 1:19–20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Commentary

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Jesus is a Redeemer, that is his name; he came into the world on this very business, to redeem his people, to redeem them from all iniquity (Titus 2:14), from this present evil world, from our vain conversations. He hath shed his precious blood to purchase us, we are bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:20). We are none of our own, we are his, the purchase of his blood; and we may be confident that he dearly loves us, for he dearly bought us; and if he had not dearly loved us, he would never have given himself for us (Gal. 2:20). That was the highest testimony of his love; he loved us, and washed us from our sins in his blood (Rev. 1:5). He will redeem us from the wrath to come.

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Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3:

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The Great Unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

End:

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior
With Christ my Savior and my God

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Sermon
The King Among His Churches

Revelation 1:1-3:22 (ESV)

- 1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
- 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.
- 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.
- 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
- 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.
- 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
- 9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
- 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet
- 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."
- 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,
- 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.
- 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,
- 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.
- 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.
- 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,
- 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
- 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

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- 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.
- 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.
- 2 "'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.
- 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.
- 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.
- 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
- 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'
- 8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.
- 9 "'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
- 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'
- 12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.
- 13 "'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.
- 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.
- 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.
- 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.
- 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'
- 18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.
- 19 "'I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.

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- 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.
- 21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.
- 22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,
- 23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.
- 24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.
- 25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.
- 26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,
- 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
- 28 And I will give him the morning star.
- 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'
- 3:1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "'I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.
- 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.
- 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.
- 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.
- 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.
- 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'
- 7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.
- 8 "'I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.
- 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie-- behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.
- 10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.
- 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.
- 12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.
- 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

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- 14 "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.
- 15 "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!
- 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.
- 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
- 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.
- 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.
- 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.
- 21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.
- 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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Great Redeemer

Verse 1:

Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross,
I kneel in streams of mercy;
His blood removes my guilty stain;
His grace has made me worthy
To stand before His holiness and bow my grateful soul;
Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross, I worship Christ alone.

Chorus:

Great Redeemer, Jesus
Great Redeemer, Jesus

Verse 2:

I long to see my Savior's face,
To gaze upon His beauty,
To lose myself in His embrace,
At last, behold His glory;
The Lamb of God Who died for me has made my sin His own,
And bore my shame upon the cross; I worship Him alone.

Ending:

O, Lamb of God, You died for me, and made my sin Your own,
And bore my shame upon the cross; I worship You alone;
I worship You alone; I worship You alone.

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Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.