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No redemption Through Chocolate



You may have heard the phrase, “No redemption through chocolate.”

It is reported that Canadians will spend \$237 million this year for chocolate Easter treats, even though the price of chocolate has increase significantly in recent years. Chocolate eggs and bunnies remain the most popular choice.

I do not bash all the secular features around Easter. However, as God’s people we need to have a laser sharp focus on the facts and meaning of Easter.

For Christians the true celebration of Easter is all about Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. He died on the cross taking our sin and its judgment on Himself, and was raised in victory over sin and death.

The apostle Peter tells us in his first letter, “you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (18-19).

Redemption refers to Christ in His sacrifice for us buying us out of slavery to sin, from the death penalty of sin, and setting us free to know and serve God.

The need and provision of redemption is found in both the Old and New Testaments. Our need for it is clear.

The first Passover when the Jews were slaves in Egypt pictures the need and provision of redemption clearly. The blood of the sacrificial lamb on the door posts was a sign of their faith, and God redeemed them from the plague of striking dead the firstborn. Then we see it in the Old Testament sacrifices, the Sin Offering provided a covering of sin waiting for the final redemption in Jesus. Goats were sacrificed, their blood applied to the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant in the most holy place to make atonement for the sins of the people.

In the New Testament we are told in Romans that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (3:23), and “the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (6:23). Paul gives us a description of redemption in Romans chapter 5,

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also celebrate in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation” (8-11).

Let’s go back to the apostle Peter’s statement in his first letter,

“you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (1:18-19).

Enjoy all the celebrations of this Easter weekend, including the time with family and friends, the special meals and, yes, the chocolate treats. But keep your eyes on Jesus, His beyond comprehension love and grace to provide your redemption through His death and resurrection.

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