

He Came to Save Us from All Lawlessness, Part 2

Titus 2:14 is what He gave Himself for — to redeem us, free us, save us, deliver us from every kind and every form of inherited iniquity that manifests itself in lawless deeds — every form of lawlessness. We see that lawlessness has many sides and comes in many ways and means, cleverly designed to destroy the temple (1 Cor 3:16-17), like careless spending of money or time, not utilizing every moment, making the most of every opportunity; leaders and crew heads spending valuable time and money — casual, not diligent. They will be put to forced labor (Pr 12:24,27; 10:4; 13:4; Heb 4:11; Pr 12:28). *Lawlessness* — there are many forms of this word. This is what Mt 1:21 refers to, and also Acts 13:39 — freed from these kinds of sins, in order to justify our Redeemer's work for us and in us. Titus 2:14 — *Zealous* for good deeds, to prove our righteousness, offering up acceptable worship — praise and deeds — to Him (Mal 3:3), not *dead* works (Ps 118:17-18).

These forms of lawlessness in Titus 2:14 are all you can read about in the Old Testament people, in the Psalms and Proverbs, and also in the Epistles. For example, Pr 6:19 — sowing seeds that grow up to cause havoc in the Body, which our Master said in Mk 7:20-23 makes one *unclean*. Heb 10:22 — No one can come to a minchah unclean without violating Mal 3:3-4, even through inadvertence. True priests come to the sacrifice clean, both spiritually and physically.

In how many ways do you build, and in how many ways do you destroy? (Isa 49:17; Eph 4:15; Dan 12:2,10; Mt 24:40-41; 25:2). Mt 24:9-12 — *Because of lawlessness* the love of many will grow cold, but verse 13 are those who are *saved*, after we have passed through the fire (1 Cor 3:15; 2 Tim 2:12-13).

Eph 4:2-3; Phil 2:2-4 — All these show us *just how* Mt 7:21-23 will prevent our entry into His kingdom, and for some even His eternal kingdom (Mt 7:23) because of *working iniquity* or lawlessness in some of its forms and ways (verse 24).

The wide range of synonyms for *lawlessness* give us the meaning of the “sins” He came to save us from, which are now at work in us. And He is now at work in us to save us from these sins, which are at work in us. Our part is to give ourselves *to Him*, not to our *sins* (Jms 1:14-15). Jms 1:21 — It is these things that *remain* that our Master is working to redeem us from — all that *remains* of the wickedness and filthiness of which Rev 22:11 speaks. These unjust and filthy ways cause hurt and result in *bloodguiltiness*, causing others to stumble (Mt 18:6-11). What pride is left in us that makes it *impossible* to become like a little child? (Mt 18:3-5). What pride keeps us from doing 1 Pet 5:1-7?

All these sins of Titus 2:14 are *His enemies*, and only when these lawless deeds and sins are put under His feet can He come (Heb 10:13; Acts 3:21). So our Father will not stand by and watch Satan block His plans without a Remedy. Without Redemption God could never *do* what He had in mind in Gen 1 — to populate the earth and in time the universe with His highest creature — a sinless mankind.

The death of Messiah, which we remember in the Breaking of Bread until He comes, is very significant to His eternal purpose. His death was not just to redeem a few million people of the human race, but to redeem the earth and the race itself from the curse of sin and the dominion of Satan. Jms 1:18 — We are merely the *first fruits* of a great harvest, to rule the universe (Isa 9:7). The people of the nations in Rev 21:24 and 22:2 will be the humans in whom there will be no taint of sin so they cannot impart to their offspring the old man (nature), even as Adam and Eve would not have done if they had not sinned, but instead eaten of the tree of life. This gives us the understanding of 1 Cor 2:9-10, which gives us understanding of the plan of redemption and justifies God (Lk 7:29).

The seed of Abraham (Gal 3:16,29; Isa 66:2) — this is the *redeemed seed* who will reign with Messiah (Rev 22:5) over the universe, which will be populated by the sinless race of man (Rev 21:3). God gifted man with the power of procreation that He might, through man, populate the universe, and this gives glory to our Father's eternal plan and purpose in Redemption, instead of condemning all mankind to a depraved existence without hope in their conscience. Otherwise He could have just blotted us all out as a race before Adam procreated offspring. But we (Adam) were created in His very image and likeness. Satan would have been exulted that he had caused God to blot man out, but God *did not* blot

man out. Instead, He brought about Redemption so that redeemed man could be His dwelling place to rule over all mankind in the universe when it will be populated with His image in man. So we see that in Rev 21:24 or Mt 25:34 God did not let Satan block His plan to repopulate the earth (Gen 3:16; 9:1) in the ages to come. Gen 3:16 is the evidence that God did not blot man out, *but* Isa 24:5-6.

God wants to not only repopulate the earth in the next age, but also to populate the universe with worthy men who are then without sin, to procreate a sinless race as was God's original intention, had he eaten from the tree of life (Gen 3:22-24). The tree of life showed God's original intention to populate the earth and then the rest of the universe.

So Heb 10:13 is *for us to do*. As we do this, we are purified as He is pure, and only by this will Satan, who is sentenced, be executed.