

Sin and Redemption- Annotated

Q.	What is sin?	
A.	Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breaking the Ten Commandments. ▪ Commandments I - IV: God. ▪ Commandments V - X: others and creation.
Q.	How does sin have power over us?	
A.	Sin has power over us because we lose our liberty when our relationship with God is distorted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liberty? Freedom is a better Biblical word. ▪ Gal 5:1, 13: relationship between being enslaved to sin, and being freed to serve God and others.
Q.	What is redemption?	
A.	Redemption is the act of God which sets us free from the power of evil, sin, and death.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not salvation, but redemption. Why? ▪ Redemption = purchase from out of slavery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evil: absence of goodness. ○ Sin: unholy actions/deeds. ○ Death: eternal separation from God.
Q.	How did God prepare us for redemption?	
A.	God sent the prophets to call us back to himself, to show us our need for redemption, and to announce the coming of the Messiah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose of the OT: announce the coming of the Messiah.
Q.	What is meant by the Messiah?	
A.	The Messiah is one sent by God to free us from the power of sin, so that with the help of God we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.	Not just a spiritual redeemer...
Q.	Who do we believe is the Messiah?	

A.	The Messiah, or Christ, is Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son of God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Messiah (Hebrew) = Anointed one.▪ Christ (Greek) = Anointed one.▪ Only.
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