

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses
of glory*

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The Unfolding, Universal Plan of Redemption Luke 17:11-19

Review:

1. Throughout history God gives evidence of his universal redemption goal.

Luke 4:27 *And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."*

2. Simeon prophesies that Jesus will fulfill this universal redemption goal.

Luke 2:29 *"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."*

3. Jesus reveals God's universal plan of redemption in his interactions with non-Jews.

Luke 7:9 *When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."*

God's Universal Plan of Redemption Comes to a Grateful Foreigner

Luke 17:11 *On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

Jesus Prepared His Disciples for the Redeeming Mission "To All the Nations"

Luke 24:45 *Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."*

This Mission "To All the Nations" Unfolds After Jesus' Ascension

Acts 10:28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.... **11:17** If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Eph. 3:7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace... ⁸ to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

The Absolute Fulfillment of God's Universal Plan for Redemption Will Be Experienced at Jesus' Return!

Rev. 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Review/Discuss/Apply

1. What sort of people do you NOT want to share the gospel with? What does this reveal about your own heart in contrast with Jesus' heart?
2. Think about the delight of being a part of a global community that are now citizens of God's kingdom. Take time this week to pray and thank God for these churches/believers across the globe.
3. Anticipate the absolute fulfillment as seen in Revelation 5:9-10. How does this beautiful future reality compel your heart to gratefully showcase the power of the gospel to those in your spheres of influence?

SONGS

"FOUND IN YOU"

"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

"O PRAISE THE NAME"

"SAME GOD"

Crossing Music Pastor: Dan Gillette (dan@vbc.online)

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