

**BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH**  
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**GENESIS 3:15**

1. The Bible is all about God's plan for man. It begins with His creation and ends with His final destination in the lake of fire, or the new heaven and earth. Christ is the main character. The Old Testament says Christ is coming. The Gospels say Christ is come. The Epistles say Christ came, and Revelation says Christ is coming again.

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-2**

2. The Epistles are letters to us today. They reveal what Christ did for us in His finished work on The cross. We study the Bible in light of His finished work. An example would be **1 JOHN 3:8**. Did He accomplish this?

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:17-24 (HCSB)**

3. There are different responses to the Gospel message.
  - A. The Jew. The cross is offensive because the law says he who dies on a tree is cursed. **JOHN 3:14** - Jews trip over this obstacle still today. They want a sign. **MATT. 12:38-40**
  - B. The Greeks want knowledge. To say the cross can save is ridiculous, absurd and unintelligent.
  - C. The believer. It produces power to do signs and wisdom to give guidance. It saves, delivers, heals and provides everything.
4. Redemption is a finished work. **ROMANS 3:23-27**
  - A. Jesus legally redeemed us from Satan's authority. **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**
  - B. What is legal is made vital through faith. **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**
5. To fully understand, we must learn the law of identification.
  - A. Identification with Adam. **ROMANS 5:12-14**
  - B. Christ's identification with humanity. **HEBREWS 2:14**
    - The incarnation identifies Him with our flesh. **JOHN 1:14**
    - The crucifixion identifies Him with our sin. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**
  - C. Our identification with Christ. **ROMANS 6:3-7; EPHESIANS 2:1-6 (ESV)**
    - We had nothing to do with our identification with Adam or with Christ identifying with our flesh and sin nature.
    - We must decide to remain identified with Adam or choose to identify with Christ, the last Adam. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17; ROMANS 5:15-19**
6. It takes faith to make what's legally ours vital realities. **HEBREWS 3:18-4:3**
  - A. The legal side of redemption means Christ makes it possible for all to change kingdoms. Even though the works were finished, it won't happen automatically. **ROMANS 5:1-2**
  - B. Grace and faith work together. What grace made legal, faith makes vital.
7. The language of grace and faith.
  - A. Grace says all are saved. Faith says I receive salvation now!
  - B. Grace says all are delivered. Faith says I receive deliverance now!
  - C. Grace says all are healed. Faith says I receive healing now!
  - D. Grace says Jesus is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Faith says Jesus is my wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption now!

**CONCLUSION:** Redemption is a finished work of grace that is accessed by faith. Grace makes every blessing available. Faith takes what is legally ours and makes it a vital reality.