

No Other Rock

Isaiah 44:6-23
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Introduction

One of the things that has always set true Christianity apart from nominal Christianity is its insistence that Christ is the only way.

- You can always tell that a person does not have a clear understanding of the gospel when, after telling you that “O yes, I am a Christian,”
 - they add, “but that is just what’s right for me. There are a lot of other religions that are right for other people, and we should not judge them.”
 - Indeed, we do not need to judge,
 - for Jesus Himself openly declared that He is the way, the truth and the life, and that no one comes to the Father but by Him.
 - He is the only way and there is no other.
 - That is His judgement, not ours.
- Over the centuries, many of our brothers and sisters have given their lives in the defence of this doctrine.
 - In the persecutions of the early church, the Roman persecutors would have been quite pleased to add Christ to the pantheon of their gods,
 - but it was the Christians that opposed it.
 - They insisted that the only true God is the One who is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who came to redeem us in the person of the Son and is known only through Him.
 - For this, they were given over to suffer and often to surrender their lives.
 - It is so to this very day.
 - Nominal Christians are happy to say that Christ is one of many ways.
 - But true believers know that Christ is the only way.
- Our church insists upon this in our Confession of Faith, chapter 10, paragraph 4 where it says that those not professing the Christian religion cannot
 - “be saved in any other way whatsoever, be they ever so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, and the law of that religion they do profess; and to assert and maintain that they may, is very pernicious and to be detested!”
 - Many would recoil at such a strong statement,

- but instead we ought to recoil whenever we hear anyone who calls himself a Christian claiming that there is any salvation for those who do not confess Christ.
- Such a confession brings reproach upon our Saviour who went to the cross and bore the curse for us.
 - If there had been some other way to be saved, He would have never taken such measures!
 - And God would not be the holy God that He is!

Often we here the question (most of you have probably even asked the question):

- “But what about all the other religions?”
 - “How do you know that Christianity is right?”
 - “How can you say that all the others are wrong?”

The portion of Isaiah we are looking at today answers this question.

- In short, it shows us that true religion is unique because it alone has God as redeemer.
 - No other religion has full redemption.
 - All other religions are nothing else but a desperate attempt to escape from the true God in some way.
 - Therefore, the LORD calls you to remain exclusively devoted to Him.

Let’s take a closer look.

- First, I want you to see that...

I. The true religion stands alone because in it alone there is full redemption!

A. Before we look at this, let me remind you what redemption is.

1. A person needs to be redeemed when he is helpless—without resources to deliver himself.
 - The word was often used to refer to those who were slaves,
 - either because they had sold themselves into slavery to pay their debts...
 - or because they had been captured by enemies and put into forced slavery.
 - In either case, they were helpless and unable to free themselves.
 - That was left up their redeemer.
 - The redeemer was often a relative who would have the resources (and the compassion) necessary to redeem them.
 - He either had money to purchase their freedom,
 - or military power to come and rescue them.

2. We have recently seen in Isaiah that the LORD redeems His people in three ways:
 - a. First, that He redeems them from Babylon.
 - Babylon represents the city of man, the kingdoms of this world that are under the dominion of Satan who is sometimes called the god of this world.
 - The LORD chastens His people, at times, by delivering them into the hands of Babylon (or Egypt or any ungodly power).
 - But He is our Redeemer and He promises to rescue us at last so that all things will be brought under the feet of Jesus Christ.
 - He will reign until all His enemies are put under His feet!
 - The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Christ!
 - b. Second, that He redeems them from the guilt of sin.
 - We are all guilty not only of the first sin in the great rebellion of our father Adam,
 - but we are also guilty of our own individual sin.
 - Even after God has taken us as His people, we continue to come short of His calling.
 - This is clearly seen in our worship—we are just not devoted to Him the way we ought to be.
 - Remember how Isaiah spoke of weariness in coming before God.
 - But the LORD redeems us from our guilt by blotting out our transgressions.
 - He does this work Himself!
 - He is the only one who has the resources to do it, for only God Himself was worthy to bear so great a penalty as was due to us...
 - And in order that He might represent us, He had to come as a man, fully taking upon Himself our human nature.
 - In Jesus Christ alone is redemption for the complete forgiveness of sin!
 - He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
 - He bore the wrath and curse of God, fully and completely, for all of His people.
 - That is redemption from the guilt of sin.

- c. Third, we have seen that He redeems His people from the power or dominion of sin.
 - Our redemption would not be complete if it only included forgiveness and our release from Babylon.
 - We also need to be delivered from our sinful heart and behaviour.
 - Jesus does this by pouring out His Holy Spirit upon us to cleanse us.
 - The Spirit takes away our stony rebellious heart and gives us a heart that responds to God,
 - a heart that comes to Him for salvation and
 - a heart that brings forth new life in loving service to God and our neighbour.
 - While redemption from the guilt of sin was completed when Jesus died on the cross,
 - this redemption from the presence of sin is ongoing... it is a work in process.
 - It begins in each of God's elect with the new birth when we are given a new heart from God...
 - It continues as God's Spirit works in us to renew us into the image of Christ...
 - And, it will be completed on the last day when we see Christ and are made like Him.

TRANS> What a full redemption we have as God's people!

- Redemption from bondage to Babylon, redemption from guilt, and redemption from our sinful way of life!
 - Isaiah has revealed this marvellous redemption to us in chapter 40-44 verse 5.
 - And now in Isaiah 44:6-8,

B. The LORD declares that He is the only God because He is the only redeemer.

- In other words, the very thing that distinguishes Him from all other gods (so called gods) is redemption.
 - Of course He is distinguished in that He is the only creator and that He is greater than all other gods...
 - but He is pleased to reveal His divine glory above all by making Himself known as redeemer.
 - Over and over, from the redemption out of Egypt to the redemption by the cross of Christ,

- the LORD declares that by this, He is shown to be LORD.
 - This is the idea that is central in verses 6-8...
1. In verse 7, He asks who else has ever taken a people to redeem as He has done?
 - Look at verse 7...
 - a. The idea is that He had a plan of redemption that He revealed from the start.
 - He took Abraham when he was but an individual with a barren wife...
 - and He promised to multiply him as the sand of the sea so that he would become a great nation...
 - He told him that his posterity would spend 400 years in bondage in Egypt and that after that He would bring them out and give them the land of Palestine—
 - Yes, He told him which land...
 - And He promised that He would be His God and that in Him all the families of the earth would be blessed!
 - All the families of the earth, though sinners, would be blessed!
 - They would be His people!
 - It was an incredible thing to promise to one man with a barren wife!
 - Something that only God Himself could do.
 - b. God declared all this to Abraham long before it happened!
 - And indeed, He brought them out of Egypt, the most powerful nation in the world at the time...
 - and then He made them His people and gave them the land and showed them His promised redemption through the ceremonies He appointed for them...
 - And He gave them His law so that they might know His ways.
 - He showed them that He was holy and that they could not approach Him apart from the lamb that He provide to take away their sins.
 - And along the way, He declared many other things to them that He also did...
 - Even in Isaiah's day, He told them He was going to raise up Assyria against them, but that they would not take Jerusalem...
 - and that is just what happened
 - And then He told them, long before Babylon was a threat to them,

- that He was going to raise up Babylon to conquer them and take them into exile—and that even Jerusalem would be destroyed!
 - But He also told them that they would be delivered—
 - and that He would blot out their transgressions—
 - and that He would pour out His Holy Spirit on them...
- c. And the great question in verse 7 that God puts to them is this:
- “Who can proclaim as I do?”
 - The word “proclaim” translates the Hebrew word “(קרא) *kaw-raw*”)” which speaks of the proclamation of a prophecy...
 - As He goes on to say,
 - “declaring it and setting it in order”—
 - He arranged everything that happened—
 - He brought it all about to redeem His people.
 - He “appointed the ancient people”
 - And He “told the things that are coming and shall come.”
 - He told of things in advance that have already taken place and He has told of future things that He is going to do.

TRANS> This is what makes Him different than all others who might claim to be gods.

- He works redemption in the earth according to His plan.
 - He alone has taken a people to graciously redeem them...
2. In verse 6, He is introduced to us under a whole array of wonderful titles that have to do with redemption.
- a. He says, “I am the LORD” (Yahweh)
- This name is the name He revealed to his people when He brought them out of Egypt.
 - It means, “I am that I am” and speaks of Him as self-existing.
 - He declares repeatedly that by redeeming them, everyone will know that He is LORD.
- b. And you can see that He also gives Himself titles here that refer to redemption.
- He calls Himself the King of Israel which shows that He has rescued them from other nations to rule over them...

- And He calls Himself their redeemer—
- c. He also calls Himself the LORD of Hosts.
- This refers to Him as the one who has all things at His disposal—the hosts of men, the hosts of angels, the hosts of stars...
 - all is under His rule and command and all is brought into the work of redeeming His people...
 - the sun was darkened and the sea was parted at His command.
 - So the whole earth is cursed to humble His people and at that last day, the curse will be removed when His redemption is complete.
 - The plan is entirely in His hands...
 - The whole history of the world is His glory revealed in the work of redemption.
 - He says that He is the First and the Last,
 - meaning that He is carrying out His plan from the beginning to the end... it is all here for His glory.
 - His great plan of redemption that He is carrying out in the earth in a most marvellous and unsearchable way!
 - He is taking fallen ruined sinners and making them His people...
 - redeeming them from bondage to Babylon...
 - redeeming them from guilt...
 - redeeming them from the dominion of sin.
3. This is what makes Him stand out as the only true God!
- a. And so at the end of verse six, He says,
- “Besides me there is no God”

TRANS> And then after stating how He has taken Israel to redeem them from ancient times when they were nothing...in verse 7...

- b. He exhorts His people not to fear in verse 8!
- 1) They have no reason to fear because they are in the hands of the only true God who is their redeemer!
 - Yes, Jerusalem will fall...
 - Yes, the house of David will fall...
 - Yes, the temple will be destroyed...
 - Yes, they will be exiled to Babylon.

- 2) But His glorious redemptive purpose concerning them remains unchanged!
 - It is unchanged because He is the Rock and there is no other Rock!
 - There is no God besides Him!
 - A rock is a symbol of refuge, of trustworthy changelessness, or solid reality.

TRANS> Oh brothers and sisters, don't you see?

- If you are in Jesus Christ, He is your rock!
 - His is revealing His glory through your redemption—
 - through redeeming us in this fallen world to be His people
 - He does everything to show that He is LORD—
 - that He alone is God.
 - that of Him and through Him and to Him are all things to whom be glory forever and ever!

C. The God who is carrying out His plan of redemption is the only true God!

1. There are tons of false religions in the world—but none of them provide complete redemption for their people!
 - Some of them have redemption of one kind or another that they may hold out...
 - but none of them has God Himself coming to blot of the transgressions of His people the way the LORD has done!
 - They have no real answer for man's plight.
 - They are made by men and they don't have God redeeming them when they are helplessly lost in sin!
 - Some of them have ways to cope with evil or ways to better oneself, but none of them have real solutions, real redemption, from sin.
 - They may have Him promising to give them power in war or promising to give them grain—
 - but even these things are very vague and very unclear.
2. None of them have a God who has gone on record declaring centuries before what He was going to do to redeem and then doing it.
 - None of them face up to the true problem of sin before a holy God.
 - They always pretend that man is in better shape than He is, and that God is able to pass by His sin without an atonement.

- None have a holy god with a standard that even His own people can never keep,
 - shutting them up to redemption by His grace as their only hope.

TRANS> You see, this is this very thing that fallen men hate about the true and living God!

- And I will admit,
 - It's not very pleasant to live as a fallen creature before a holy God who has a standard that we can never keep...in this life...
 - It would be a lot more agreeable to us if we were able to please our God and have no need of His Son's sacrifice on the cross...
 - And it is because of this very thing that we make idols!

II. You need to see how stupid it is to worship idols.

- The stupidity of idolatry is presented to us in verses 9-20.
 - This is one of the most biting, sarcastic portions in all of scripture!
 - It is designed to wake us to the reality of how absurd it is so that we will stay far from it and be able to expose the folly in our witness to others!

A. First of all we are told how empty idolatry is!

1. In verse 9, Isaiah says, "Those who make an image, all of them are useless."
 - He is not talking about the idol, but about the one who makes the idol.
 - a. The word "useless" is the word (תהו *to' hoo*).
 - This is the word that is used to speak of the earth when it was *without form* and void.
 - It had not yet been shaped into anything purposeful or useful.
 - When we turn to idols, we become *to'hoo* because idols can't redeem us and redemption is what we really need.
 - We were made to bear the image of God and to worship and glorify Him, and to enjoy Him...
 - but we are fallen and idols can't restore us.
 - We are left to flounder in vanity—we are left empty and barren—useless.
 - We are useless when we make idols.
 - b. And we all do this! We all produce idols.
 - An idol is anything that you set up in the place of God! It is a substitute for Him.

- 1) Sometimes, we make idols that are representations of the true God.
 - God has revealed Himself to us in His Son, as presented in Scripture.
 - But there are things in scripture that we don't like,
 - so we change the way God is presented to us to suit us better.
 - Perhaps we don't like the fourth commandment and find it too hard to keep, so we modify it to suit us...
 - Or perhaps we don't like what the Bible says about God's wrath, so we made a few little adjustments—to tone it down a bit.
 - The list is endless—
 - We modify what the Bible says about role relationships, about what constitutes gossip, about sexual immorality, about how we worship God, about God's sovereignty...
 - Any thing about God that does not suit us, we take it upon ourselves to modify!
 - We want a custom-made God that will suit us!
 - We want to hide the things about God that are not as pleasing to us.
- 2) Sometimes, we make idols that are in addition to the true God
 - This is what you do when you sort of cordon off different parts of your life from Him...
 - Israel found Him to be fine for delivering them out of Egypt and preserving them in the wilderness and conquering their enemies,
 - but they thought Baal might be more helpful for making the rain come and making their crops grow—so they added him.
 - Perhaps you feel that what He has to say about business is not going to help you much,
 - so you embrace the world's ideas for how you will do business...or even just your attitude about wealth...
 - Or maybe it is in the social realm...
 - you feel that He is a bit too restrictive and that the world can help you get on with a better and happier social life...
 - or maybe it is for you family—
 - you are really impressed with what a psychologist had to say about marriage—and he's a Christian too!

- so you jettison the plain teaching of scripture.
- or maybe you feel that God's way of evangelism is not as helpful,
 - so you look to the world for better techniques...
- This is adding idols and it makes you useless in the kingdom of God even though you think it is making you better...
 - Believe me, Israel did not turn to Baal or Solomon to the nations because they thought it would be their ruin!
 - They did it to be helpful!
 - Many who worship God contrary to His word do so in a sincere desire to help God's cause.
 - But they don't—
 - Instead, they undermine His kingdom.

TRANS> So there is idolatry by adjusting God, and idolatry by adding other gods... this is very serious...

- 3) But worst of all, men make idols in an effort to completely replace God.
- Usually it starts out with just making some adjustments,
 - but once Jesus Christ is put aside and we embrace a God who is just a moral God and who is not a redeemer,
 - we have another God no matter what name we may give to Him.
 - The God of Islam is an idol.
 - He is not the true God because He is not the God who redeems His people from their sin.
 - In Islam, there is no atonement for sin at all!
 - But there is really no essential difference in the god of Islam and the gods of those ministers who are "in the Christian tradition"
 - but who do not see the necessity of Jesus Christ.
 - They are useless, no matter what good words and good deeds they may espouse...
 - They have forsaken the only one who can make us holy and righteous for an idol!
 - It is no wonder the John so vehemently warns us as at the end of his epistle,
 - "Little children, keep yourselves from idols!"

- Idols make us useless!

2. But you see that Isaiah also tells us that the idol itself does not profit us.

- This ought to be very obvious, but it is not, so...

a. He emphasises this...

- In verse 9 he says, “their precious things shall not profit.”

- In verse 10, he speaks of idols as that which, “profit nothing...”

- They are always made to profit the worshippers, but they don’t profit them, whatever reasons are given.

b. Of course this is so!

- How can idols that we make profit us when we need God’s redemption?

- We can’t make a god—or come up with a philosophy—that is greater than we are!

- And we are desperate sinners who need to be rescued by the only Redeemer!

- What are we to gain by stepping away from Him to seek salvation in something that we ourselves come up with?

- How can a man with a heart that is desperately wicked set up a better standard of morality than God’s moral law?

- How can he sort out his purpose in life?

- How can he devise what ought to be pleasing to God in worship?

- How can he come up with a way to secure forgiveness? cutting himself?

- How can He come up with something that is able to change His sinful heart? A twelve step program?

- He cannot!

- But this is exactly what you do when you step away from what God has revealed to us in His word and rely on your own wisdom.

c. In the end, no matter how careful you are in making your idol,

- the end product is always man-made.

- It cannot be divine because it originates from man.

- It is made, as verse 13 says, according to the beauty of a man.

- And it always has that distinctive characteristic about it that I mentioned before—

- It always has a diminished understanding of holiness and an exalted view of man’s righteousness!

- In true religion, we must live as sinners with a standard that we cannot keep, in constant dependence upon God’s redemptive grace...
- That is what idolatry always moves away from, leaving man not quite so dependent on the grace and mercy of God.
- Sometimes he has a God who demands child sacrifices and such things...
 - but these child sacrifices are thought to be enough.
 - They are not enough for the true God.
 - We must have Jesus Christ crucified or we are lost and completely undone.
 - We are condemned and on the brink of eternal destruction.

B. And nobody stops to consider how desperately foolish it is to make an idol.

1. Isaiah really makes fun of the whole thing.

- a. In verse 10 he asks,
 - “Who is the one that would make a god?”
 - “Who would form a god or mould an image that profits him nothing?
 - Could there be any madness greater than this?
- b. In verse 11 he speaks about how the idolaters get together and stand up...
 - They approve idolatry in each other...
 - They agree together to believe something as preposterous as evolution and they try to make it sound smart.
 - But really, they ought to be ashamed!
 - It’s such a desperate effort to try to avoid their creator.
 - And it’s popular because there are so many people looking for a way to avoid their creator...
 - If the idol of evolution works for others as a substitute for God, they will believe it to.
 - If it alleviates their fear and makes them feel good, they will indulge...
 - Yet, the LORD says that even though they all encourage each other—they will fear and they will be ashamed.
 - Their folly will be fully exposed.
- c. Isaiah shows that they work very hard at their idols...
 - Many devote their lives to fashioning them for the sake of those who want them.
 - There are tons of professors in seminaries and colleges who concoct all sorts of theologies to deny the true gospel.

- They spend hours and hours of study—to come up with idols!
 - They are like the blacksmith described in verse 12-14 who makes himself weary fashioning idols.
 - He knows there is a market for it and he is committed to the cause.
 - If there is some way to avoid admitting that he is a desperate sinner who needs His Creator's radical redemption,
 - he will promote it!
 - Idolatry is always an alternative to having to deal with the true God.
 - It is something like Him to have instead of Him.
2. But here is the absurdity...
- a. The wood that the idol maker constructs his idol out of is under his control...
 - He can use it for fuel to keep himself warm or to cook on...
 - but then he pretends that he can take that which he has control over and make it into a god who has control over him and that can save him!
 - This is ridiculous!
 - It is the same with those who make idols out of their philosophies or their research or whatever...
 - God has given them philosophy and research,
 - but then they became so inflated that they suppose they can concoct a God out it.
- b. Now of course the idol makers will tell you that the idol is just a place at which they meet their god and find their god...
 - but the problem is that the true God does not meet us through idols but through redemption, revealed in Jesus Christ.
 - He makes Himself known to us through revelation, not through our own formulations.
 - He is revealed in scripture.
 - Whenever men resort to idols, they are attempting to alter God to be what they want Him to be.
 - And that is the absurdity.
 - The Creator has always opposed the worship of Himself by idols.
 - It is men trying to make Him be what they want Him to be... trying to control Him... trying to make a god they can live with.
 - How silly to fall down and worship what you have made and ask it

to deliver you!

3. Isaiah explains how it is that men can be so foolish.
 - Look at verse 18
 - a. It is because the LORD Himself has shut their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot understand.
 - 1) But why would God do that?
 - It is a punishment to men for rejecting Him.
 - God gives them over to be absurd and irrational because they hate Him and want to avoid Him.
 - He, in a way, helps them to do it by blinding them
 - a) Is this not what we are told in Romans 1:28?
 - Rom 1:28: “And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;”
 - b) And also in 2 Thes 2:11:
 - 2 Thes 2:11: “And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,”
 - 2) There is no way that anyone would give them up to idolatry if God did not blind them.
 - Sometimes they think they are getting at God in this way, but in fact He is getting at them—
 - He is turning them over to darkness and corruption so that they become foolish and absurd.
 - They can no longer think straight...
 - You see that in verse 19...
 - They don't stop and think that what they have made cannot, at last, deliver them...
 - Of yes, it may help them feel better...
 - It may even get them fame and wealth...
 - But it cannot be a god to at last deliver them.
 - What they need is redemption, but that is the very thing they are trying to avoid.
 - b. And so by turning them over, they come under the bondage of deception from which they cannot extricate themselves!

- Look at verse 20...
 - “He feeds on ashes...”
 - Their diet is their own god, their own creation that they have made.
 - They do not feed on the bread that God gives from heaven.
 - And soon they actually come to believe the lie and can no longer even see that it is a lie.

TRANS> But my brothers and sisters in the LORD...

III. The LORD has something much better for you than idolatry.

- Here is a very powerful appeal for His elect people!

A. First, He calls you to remember.

- He says “remember these!”
 - Look at verse 21-22
1. Remember that you are His servant, formed by Him—by redemptive grace, by the powerful working of His word and Spirit...
 - Jesus has poured out His Spirit to work in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.
 - You are a new creation in Christ, old things are passed away, all things are become new.
 2. Remember that though you suffer His chastisement, you will not be forgotten by Him...
 - He has blotted out your transgressions.
 - They will not be held against you.
 - They are like a thick cloud that has dissipated and is no more.
 - There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus.
 - He became sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him!
 - He shed His blood to take away your sins—how could that fail to atone for your sin?

TRANS> Remember what He has done!

B. Secondly, He calls you to return to Him, from all your idolatry.

1. While it is expected that the nations would go after idols, idols are not for you!
 - **You** have come to know His salvation—to delight in it—to desire it—to experience it!

- Instead of despising God by turning to idols,
 - it is for you to come back to Him, even when you have sinned and been under His chastisement.
 - Away with your own version of God—He has redeemed you!
 - Away with your reliance on something other than God for your social life, your family life, your career, your recreation—
 - wherever it is that you have substituted idols for Him, return to Him.
2. Do you see the order here?
- You are called to return to Him because He has already redeemed you!
 - He does the work for you and in you,
 - and then it is yours to come to Him and to be reconciled to Him and to love Him and to live in the joy of His salvation.
3. Hear what the scripture says:
- “For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.” (1Th 4:7 NKJV)
 - “For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” (Eph 5:8 NKJV)
 - “Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,” (Php 2:14-15 NKJV)

TRANS> And there is more...in all your remembering of Him as Redeemer, and in your returning to Him,

C. It is for you to rejoice.

- Do with a grateful, rejoicing attitude!
1. The world’s idolatry begins with their ingratitude—for God as their Creator and provider...
- They do not like to think about Him because it obligates them to Him...
 - so they turn to idolatry and then the LORD gives them up to it.
 - See that you are far far from the world’s ingratitude!
 - It is especially inappropriate for you who He had redeemed!
 - For you who are the object of His special care!
2. Even the very creation itself breaks forth into singing!
- All because of the Lord’s gracious work in His people!
 - He has been pleased to make Himself known by redeeming His people!
 - This is how He makes His glory known in all the earth!

- This is what He delights in.
 - It is in redemption...the redemption of His people.
 - The very thing that idolaters want to suppress about God and avoid about Him is that which He desires to make known!
- Jesus told us, after He had come, that if anyone wishes to know the Father, they can only know Him through the Son.
 - It is in the cross that His glory is revealed for all eternity—
 - in what He did in taking a people out of this sinful for Himself and in spreading that salvation to the nations...
 - in delivering them from Babylon...
 - in blotting out their transgressions...
 - and in giving us new life by the gracious working of His Spirit.
- If we want to see His love, His power, His justice, His wisdom, His grace, His wrath, His judgement, His glory,
 - all that there is to know about God...
 - it is to be seen in His redemption of His people.
 - “For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel.”
 - Any religion that ignores this or minimises this is idolatry.
 - Little children, keep yourselves from idols!