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Taking off from last week, "we were purchased at a price", costing Jesus his life. Now the work begins of restoration. Though God sees us as we will be at the end of the project, we must not lose hope by focusing on what we were but rejoice in what He is making of us.

Why not retaliate with wrath? **1Peter 2:24** Jesus didn't – he entrusted himself to the just one, he chose right behavior for our reward. Are you letting him shepherd your soul? Dedicated to righteousness

Regeneration, renewal: palingenesis (once more), (to be born): Commonly, however, the word denotes the restoration of a thing to its pristine state, its renovation, as the renewal or restoration of life after death,

Purchased at a price: In the name of, **1 Cor 6:18-20, Matthew 28:19, 1Cor 1:11-13** not into my name

Titus 3:3-7 Washing of rebirth. Regeneration

Once dead, due to who we followed the ruler of the kingdom of the air – Feeding our nature

All Deserving wrath: God's response to the objects of wrath – **Though sinners Christ died**

Our new status due to God's grace through faith: Raised up and seated not by work but for work.

You have a seat at the table because of Jesus' blood. For peace and unity not hostility

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Justification: the process from acceptance through sanctification – Not getting righteous so God is happy but you are one of God's people – People of the renewed covenant

What are we saved for? Rom 3 Israel failed, at what? God's commission. Given oracles to take to the world. Their faithlessness is the failing in their commission. Jesus is Israel incarnate carrying the oracles of God. God will put the world right one day through

Justification qualifies us for putting things right.

Galatians 2:11-21 all Christians are declared by God that Jew and Gentile are accepted at the table.

Salvation/Reclamation is a dynamic process much similar to reproduction

A seed planted and nurtured toward birth, the time it is ready for a new existence but does not end there.

It is a lifelong process of becoming unto the ultimate essence of being.

Renewed life in the full presence of the ultimate being

Is the ultimate hope for which you are striving located solely in this world? Then here is your reward. If it is in the future hope, it changes the way you think and act in the present reality.

Assess your status, Accept your Statue, Live into your status by representing and emulating the father of Heaven not ruler of the kingdom of the air.