

New City Catechism Class Week Twenty

Q20: Who is the Redeemer?

A20: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (ESV)

Discuss the question:

- What does it mean to *redeem* something?
- What does the question teach us by asking "*Who*" instead of *What* the Redeemer is?
- Is there significance to asking "*Who is the Redeemer,*" compared to asking *Who was* or *Who will be*?

Discuss the Scripture:

- What does this teach us by saying that there is "*one* God, and there is *one* mediator"?
- What is a mediator?
- What does the presence of a mediator tell us about the relationship between God and man?
- Discuss the similarities and differences between a mediator and a redeemer.
- What is Paul communicating by identifying Jesus as a "man" and as "Christ"?

Discuss the answer in light of the Scripture:

- Why is Jesus "*The only Redeemer*"?
- How must we respond to the statement that Jesus is not just a "man" and the "Christ", but that He is "*the Lord Jesus Christ*"?
- What do we learn from the statement that our redeemer, Jesus, is "*the eternal Son of God*"?
- What does it mean that in the person of Jesus, "God became man"?
- What does it mean for you that Jesus "bore the penalty for sin himself"?

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have **redemption**, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)*

*"Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, His child and forever I am."*

Fanny J. Crosby