**God is Redemptive**

**Redemption:** To be redeemed is to be forgiven, holy, justified, free, adopted, & reconciled to Christ.

Scripture:

1. **We are in need of saving.**

* Romans 3:22-24
* Romans 6:20-23

1. **Redemption**

* Ephesians 2:1-10

1. **New Creation**

* Galatians 2:20
* 2 Corinthians 5:16-18

1. **The benefits of redemption**

* Eternal life (Revelation 5:9-10)
* Forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7)
* Righteousness (Romans 5:17
* Freedom from the law’s curse (Galatians 3:13)
* Adoption to God’s family (Galatians 4:5)
* Deliverance from bondage (Titus 2:14, 1 Peter14-18)
* Peace with God (Colossians 1:18-20)
* Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

So What?

* I can be redeemed.
* I can be forgiven.
* Because I’m redeemed, everything matters.
* I have value.
* I can do good works.
* I am loved.
* I can see the value in others.
* I can love & forgive others.
* I can forgive myself & receive forgiveness.
* I can release myself from bondage.
* I don’t have to be stuck in my brokenness, sin, & toxic habits.
* I am able to make amends.
* I can trust that God will continue to forgive me.
* My past doesn’t define me.

Lies

* I will always be like this.
* I will never be free.
* I have to ask to be redeemed.
* I’m the victim.
* I have control over forgiveness & redemption.
* I can continue to sin.
* I can lose my redemption.
* I have to work to earn my redemption.
* I’m unworthy.
* I can’t be redeemed.
* Redemption is not eternal.
* I’m just a sinner.
* I can’t be a new creation.
* Pride
* I need to be punished.
* My sin >God’s sacrifice
* If I don’t feel redeemed, I’m not redeemed.
* Feelings determine truth.
* I don’t share the same righteousness as Jesus, so I can’t truly be redeemed.
* I’m a disappointment for needing to be redeemed further.
* If I feel stuck, I am not being redeemed or sanctified.

Now What?

* Do you actually believe that God can redeem every area of your life? Can you receive it?
* Do you want God to redeem it? Or are you comfortable in your own coping methods?
* How is this going to affect me tomorrow?
* Do you believe that God can redeem the people causing hardships in your life?
* Can you forgive them & view them as a new creation?
* Are you willing to use your redemption story for the redemption of others?