

# Week 3: The Central Theme of the Bible

Topic: God's Redemptive Plan and the Revelation of Salvation through Jesus Christ

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## 1. The Central Theme of the Bible: God's Redemptive Work

- 1) The Bible is not just a religious document, but a revelation of God's plan to save humanity.
  - 2) From Genesis to Revelation, there is a consistent flow: Redemption through Jesus Christ.
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## 2. The Central Figure: Jesus Christ

- 1) Old Testament: Prophecies and foreshadowing of the coming Messiah
  - 2) New Testament: The incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and return of Christ — the fulfillment of redemption
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## 3. The Core Message: The Gospel

- 1) Mankind, separated from God due to sin, receives forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:16, Romans 1:16–17)
  - 2) The gospel centers on:  
God's grace, righteousness through faith, and the cross-based redemptive history
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## 4. The Flow of Redemptive History

| Stage        | Description                                                                          |
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| Creation     | God created mankind and had fellowship with them                                     |
| Fall         | Humanity fell into sin, breaking fellowship with God                                 |
| Covenant     | God made redemptive promises through Abraham, Moses, David                           |
| Fulfillment  | Redemption was completed through Jesus Christ                                        |
| Church       | The new covenant community was formed through the Holy Spirit and spreads the gospel |
| Consummation | Christ will return and complete the eternal Kingdom of God                           |

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## 5. Application and Commitment

- 1) When reading the Bible, we must see it through the lens of Jesus Christ (John 5:39)
- 2) The goal of studying the Bible is not mere knowledge but restoring our relationship with Christ and transforming our lives